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Klara Oyler, a volunteer with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, is surrounded by the new generation of fundraising bears. They are $20 each and are available at the Minden hospital.

Cathy Olliffe/TIMES

Spring cleaning

Finally, spring showed its beautiful face last week with balmy temperatures, cool blue skies and warm sunshine. People all over the Highlands took advantage of the weather, using Mother Nature as a clothes dryer. Above, a young Kinmount resident helped her mom with the laundry on Tuesday afternoon. Of course, no one's looking forward to the next sign of spring - blackflies.

Delegates give thumbs up to clean and clear bylaw

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Chalk one up for those in favour of the clean and clear bylaw.

They came as individuals and they arrived in pairs but they all came with the same purpose - to show support for a bylaw that has stirred up the community.

Five residents took the opportunity to share their views on the contentious bylaw with members of the Minden Hills legislation, building, bylaw and fire committee on April 9.

The committee meeting was open to anyone who wanted to make a short presentation and as it turned out, the delegates unanimously praised the concept of the bylaw. They wanted to see it promptly passed by council, upon the recommendation of the committee. While one delegate had some reservations about the vagueness of the terminology used in the document, he still said the bylaw would be good for the community of Minden.

First up to the table, with photos in hand, Fred Preston wanted to talk about a potential situation near his own home. He shared his photos with the committee and told them the bylaw would make his community in Minden Hills safer and cleaner.

"The clean and clear bylaw is a necessity. It doesn't cost anything and we need it to keep things clean," Preston said.

Preston was asked by Councillor Ron Buchanan, who was chairing the meeting, to refrain from citing any names and to stick to

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County cuts and trims proposed budget hike to 14%

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

If the draft Haliburton County budget passes as amended, ratepayers will see an increase of 14 per cent.

Although a 14 per cent increase in the county portion of the tax levy may sound like a lot, at last Thursday's first budget meeting county treasurer Shannon Hunter said it translates to an increase of $28 per $100,000 of assessed value. As it stands, the county tax levy would be $236 for a property assessed at $100,000.

Ten per cent of the increase is to pay a debenture that was negotiated last year to pay for roads, bridges and 9-1-1. Most of the

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Budget doesn't allow for new services

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other four per cent of the increase, says county CAO Gary King, can be attributed to equipment replacement and an increase in wages for the county's 21 full-time ambulance personnel.

The negotiated ambulance increase alone added just over $200,000 to the county's budget. The replacement of a grade-all, a tandem truck and three pick-ups added another $500,000-plus to the budget. Social housing costs are up significantly, necessitating a $126,000 increase.

Another budget item that contributes to the increase is the county's share of a ground water study that is being conducted. That amounts to $47,000.

"There is a lot of construction that needs to be done," Hunter said. "Unfortunately, that's the biggest part of our budget."

Budget is fair, Harrison says

Haliburton County Warden Eleanor Harrison said the draft budget, as it stands, is fair.

"We have to provide services and as every business owner knows, costs continue to go up. It is certainly the same for the county," she said.

Harrison said she doesn't necessarily share the belief that governments should keep budgets to a zero increase at all costs. "My personal feeling is that tax rates should increase at the rate of inflation," she said, adding that by holding the line on taxes it only defers the increases and ends up taking larger, often double-digit, hikes.

Harrison said the 2002 county budget is a "no frills, lean and mean budget."

"It is a maintenance budget, with no real increase in services," she said.

Harrison added that council has tried to keep the increase as low as possible while retaining reasonable services.

"I have to congratulate the department managers," Harrison said. "They did an admirable job of preparing their budgets."

In spite of the efforts of department heads to keep their budgets under control, council and CAO Gary King pared almost every submitted budget even further.

Nickel and dime cuts trim $120,000

Councillor Murray Fearrey said he didn't want to appear as though he intended to "nickel and dime the budget to death". He suggested areas where a few thousand dollars here and a few thousand dollars there could be trimmed. When the meeting had ended, he and his fellow council members had trimmed about $120,000 more from the overall budget. Further cuts could be made before the budget is finally passed at the April 24 county council meeting.

Even council members weren't immune to the belt-tightening. Fearrey suggested that payment for council members to attend some meetings be eliminated, reducing costs by a couple of thousand dollars.

No money for non-profit groups

Two requests for funding that didn't find their way into the budget, as King pointed out, were the Trails and Tours Network and Sir Sandford Fleming College. King explained that county policy is not to fund non-profit organizations.

Reserves depleted

King noted that the highway reserve fund has been depleted to zero, with $100,000 channelled into the budget for work on County Road 121. "We're going to be in real trouble if we don't soon put some money back into reserves," he noted.

Hatchery funding?

Fearrey noted that he didn't see any funding earmarked for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Hatchery in the budget. King replied that he had no request for a specific amount.

Wetlands mapping

A proposal from Ducks Unlimited to provide wetlands mapping for the county was looked upon favourably by council. Ducks Unlimited will provide the mapping for $5,000, which is a significantly lower cost to the county than having the mapping commissioned from other sources.

"We'd be foolish not to for $5,000," said Harrison. "It will help with our strategic plan."

Rail Trail gets minimal funding

An area where the budget committee was forced to cut funding to the bone was funding for the master plan for the Rail Trail Corridor. Only $15,000 has been committed, an amount Harrison said will barely maintain the corridor to a safe standard.

Arbitrary cuts

King advised the committee that he had "arbitrarily cut" $200,000 from the Kushog Lake Road repair budget and another $100,000 from the Buckhorn Road budget.

Health Services loan a big commitment

When Haliburton Highlands Health Services began raising money for the capital expansion projects in Minden and Haliburton, county council agreed to pay the interest on a loan for the county's share so construction could begin immediately. This year, the interest on that loan is expected to be about $90,000. Rigney noted that the interest on the Health Services loan is a commitment for the next several years and added that those interest payments are affecting the county's ability to address other issues.

Only a draft

Both Hunter and Harrison stressed that document is still only a draft. "It's not written in stone," Hunter said.

Over the course of about three hours, the committee reduced the percentage increase in county tax levy from 16 per cent to 14 per cent.

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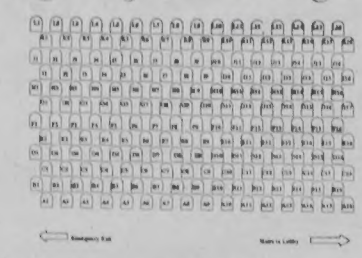

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County undecided on whether to support Chamber's funding request

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has been allotted $150,000 in the county's draft budget, but there was no agreement around the table at the budget committee meeting that the Chamber would get all, or any, of that amount.

"It depends on which councillor you ask," Warden Eleanor Harrison said at Thursday's budget meeting. "It's really a hard call. Personally, I have no problem supporting the Chamber of Commerce."

The budget committee plans to meet with Chamber representatives this week to clarify what the Chamber plans to do with the money and what benefit county businesses will get from the funding.

Councillor Jim McMahon said he has heard from local business owners who have said they are not in favour of giving any money to the Chamber. "They said if we fund the Chamber we can't expect any support from them in the next election," McMahon said. Councillor Murray Fearrey said he has heard similar comments.

Harrison and Councillor Ross Rigney both spoke in favour of the Chamber, stating that they thought the Chamber has done an excellent job of marketing the county. The web site was one example of the positive marketing tools that have been developed by the Chamber.

"The Chamber is very important to us," Harrison said. "We will have to be very careful when we make our decision. It should be based on facts, not based on mistakes of the past."

Rigney suggested that the county might investigate the possibility of contracting the county's marketing somewhere else besides the Chamber.

"Maybe we need to look at what we want the Chamber to do for us," McMahon said. " We need to know what direction the Chamber is planning to take and then decide on funding."

Councillor Don Shortreed said the north and east ends of the county haven't had much support from the Chamber's officials in the past, but he was not advocating cutting off funding. "Maybe we should give them another chance for a year and see what they can do," he said.

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"I want to know, line by line, what they intend to do," said Fearrey. "I want to know what the money is being used for and what the results will be."

McMahon suggested that any funding provided to the Chamber of Commerce be with the stipulation that some of that funding be directed to the Trails and Tours Network and to Sir Sandford Fleming College. Trails and Tours had requested $50,000 and SSFC asked for $10,000.

Councillor Bill Davis said he had heard Chamber President Diana Ferguson quoted on the radio saying that the Chamber would be getting $150,000 from the county. He was exasperated that any such statement would be made before the budget has been passed. He will be expecting an explanation when the budget committee meets with Chamber representatives this week. It will be a closed meeting

Chamber Vice-President Jim Henwood was in attendance on Thursday. "There are a lot of untruths out on the street," he said. "We don't have any hidden agenda. The money will be spent wisely."

Cathy Olliffe/TIMES

Pitching in

The Brownies, Sparks & Guides of Kinmount and area will be pitching in on Pitch-In Day, April 27. They're hoping members of the public will feel the urge to help clean up the Kinmount area – they're meeting at 10 a.m. at the railway station and working until noon, at which time there'll be a lunch for all the helpers. Brownie Theresa Jones, 8, and her Guide sister Stephanie, 12, invite everyone to help clean up their own neighbourhood on that day (and every day!). For more information, call Jane Austin at 488-9954.

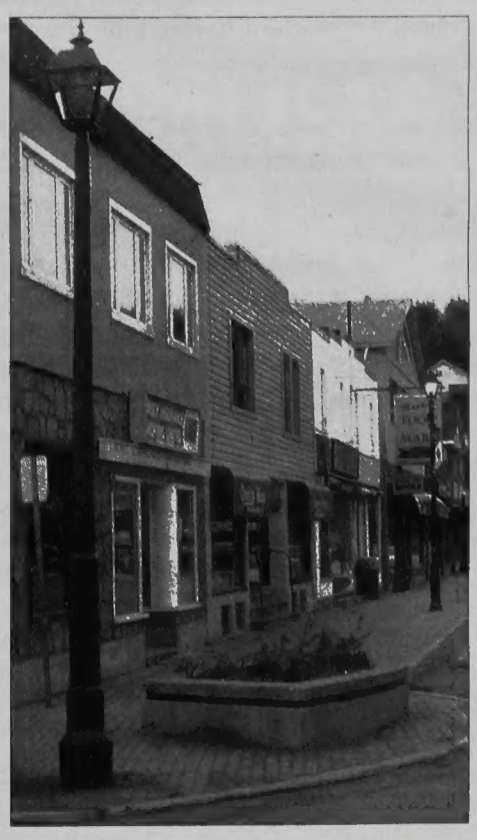
Mental health task force will be in Minden

Do you have any ideas on how to improve the mental health system in Ontario?

If so, please plan to share your views with the Central East (Whitby) Mental Health Implementation Task Force on April 25 at Hyland Crest.

The task force's challenge is to advise the Minister of Health on provincial psychiatric hospital restructuring, community reinvestments and other associated requirements for the implementation of a reformed mental health system. The task force needs to hear from the public so that it can plan how to best implement changes.

The task force will be at Hyland Crest's Fireplace Room in Minden from 1 to 3 p.m..



The new lights on Main Street aren't causing a stir. Local residents are more concerned about what will happen with the old ones.

Lighting up the town

No sooner than Minden turns on its new streetlights, people are asking if they can buy the old ones

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Not only is the sunshine sticking around longer these days as daylight saving time kicks into gear, but the Main Street in Minden is also set aglow with 17 new street lights.

The municipality replaced the old street lights because they were damaged and in need of repair, said Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron.

While it might be 'out with the old and in with the new,' local residents just don't seem ready to let go. The township has been inundated with requests to purchase the old lights.

"I am open for suggestions on how the committee would like to deal with this situation," Cameron told the environment and public works committee at the meeting on April 11.

With a price tag of $2,000 for each new light, Councillor Ingram Wessell asked if the township could place a dollar value on the old lights and try to sell them at a reduced rate.

Some of the old lights were already in bad shape and when they were removed some of them had to be cut at the bottom. The condition of the old lights would make it difficult to set a price for them.

"The lights can't just be taken and plugged in again,"Cameron said.

Councillors decided to recommend that council place an ad in the local newspapers and offer them to the public through a bidding process.

"The new ones look really nice," Councillor Bill Obee said.

Volunteers may be asked to make sure fire warning signs are up-to-date

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

There will be six of them placed at major entrances to the township.

They are big so people passing by won't be able to miss them...and they could save lives.

Minden Hills is the proud new owner of six new fire warning signs. The only problem the township now faces is finding someone to update them and deciding how often they will do it.

Officially known as the forest fire hazard rating sign, the township has decided to place them at the major entrances to the municipality. There will be one in Norland along Highway 35, one in Kinmount, one along Highway 121 coming away from Haliburton, one at Carnarvon along Highway 118, one in Bracebridge and one in Irondale for motorists coming from Gooderham along Highway 503, also known as County Road 45.

Deciding on where to put them was half the battle, but the warning signs also present a bit of a headache for the township when it comes time to updating them because they are strewn across the township.

While councillors would prefer having one person in charge of the program and corresponding with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the onus on that one person would be huge and the chore would be very time consuming.

Deputy Fire Chief Doug Schell said he wouldn't mind doing the job, but it would take up a lot of his time. Minden councillors said they should find volunteers to do it.

Not only do they need to find the volunteers, they also need to decide how often those volunteers should update the signs.

"In my opinion the signs don't change that much," said Councillor Ron Buchanan, recommending the signs not be changed on a daily basis.

"I think weekly will be okay," said Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon.

Changing the signs weekly would make it easier for the township; Schell said the signs should be changed as the MNR updated the conditions.

No decision have been made and council is still looking for a solution. The roads department will install the signs once they have been built.

Stolen car recovered after routine stop

A routine traffic stop on County Road 1 on April 3 led to the arrest of a young offender and two adults.

The 1998 Chev Cavalier they were in was reported stolen from the Toronto area in 1999.

Charged with driving with no insurance and using an authorized licence plate was a male young offender.

A female adult was charged with permitting a vehicle to be operated with no insurance and permitting the use of an unauthorized licence plate.

A male adult has been charged with possession of stolen property.

Dirt bike stolen

Two male young offenders were charged with possession of stolen property and breach of probation following the investigation into the theft of a 1989 Honda dirt bike stolen from a residence in Wilberforce on the night of April 5.

The bike was recovered two days later.

Impaired driving

A 51-year-old Minden man was charged with impaired driving, over 80 mgs and failing to remain at the scene following an accident on Bobcaygeon Road in the early morning of April 6.

The driver of a Ford pick-up had lost control on Bobcaygeon Road. The truck went over the sidewalk and collided with the corner of the Minden Times building.

A 38-year-old man was charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs after police say he was driving in an erratic manner in Gooderham on April 6. The officers were on routine patrol.

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Agriculture in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County generates an estimated 80 million dollars annually in farm gate sales. Those same dollars spin off through the local economy and help to support other businesses in the area and supports many direct, indirect and induced jobs.

City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County farm families are committed to producing safe, healthy, high- quality food in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way for the benefit of all residents of the municipalities.

City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County farm families and farm families across Ontario need assistance to help them manage the huge risks inherent in modern agriculture. Many farm families are facing depressed prices due to international subsidies and foreign food policies. Farm income safety net programs are critically important to maintain the contribution of agriculture to the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton.

Your constituents, the 70,000 residents of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, deserve the safe, available and affordable food that farm families produce.

Minister Hodgson: At the request of the Minister of Agriculture, the Honorable Brian Coburn, farm leaders from Ontario's general farm and commodity organizations have developed a comprehensive risk management plan for Ontario, referred to as the 'Made in Ontario safety net plan'. In November 2001, Minister Coburn committed your government to making the Made in Ontario safety net strategy a reality. On behalf of the farm families of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County we are asking you to request Premier designate, The Honorable Ernie Eves to fulfill your government's commitment to farmers and residents of Ontario by making available Ontario's share of the Made in Ontario safety net funds.

Mr. O'Reilly: The farm families of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton require your support to have your government commit to its share to making this plan a reality.

Minister Hodgson & Mr. O'Reilly: With many farm families facing financial hardship due to continuing low commodity prices resulting from international subsidies, the time is now for your governments to act and deliver.

We look forward to your positive response in support of, and in recognition of the value of agriculture to your constituents in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

From the Farm Families of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton

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Allison Taylor/TIMES

One of the people who expressed their viewpoints on Minden's proposed clean and clear bylaw at Tuesday's Minden Hills committee meeting was Joan Chadwick, who said the bylaw would be good for the environment. "No one should be allowed to have a dump on their property," she said, suggesting fines be added to taxes.

Listening in are councillors Jim McMahon, Ross Rigney, Ron Buchanan and deputy-clerk Twyla Nicholson.

Be wary of vindictiveness, council told

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the issue of the bylaw itself.

Next in the hot seat was Hillary Brown, a Moore's Falls resident.

Brown submitted a letter in support of the bylaw and said, "thank-you to Ross Rigney and supporting members of council by taking a proactive approach with this bylaw."

Within two minutes Brown was back in the audience with the other bylaw supporters and Pam Sayne was hauling some trash to the committee table.

As she spoke she strategically placed empty Styrofoam cups, soft drink cans and other pieces of garbage around the room trying to illustrate how the bylaw would help clean up Minden.

Sayne said the bylaw was not without fault, but she asked councillors to support it in an effort to help clean up the municipality. She was also wary of how the bylaw would be enforced.

"The spirit of how the bylaw is enforce is just as important as the bylaw itself," Sayne said. "I hope council doesn't use it politically."

This issue has also been discussed at both the committee table and within council itself. Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon has said he will vote against the bylaw until he is satisfied it will be properly enforced.

Reeve Ross Rigney has said on several occasions that the municipality will not drive around and hunt down properties who violate the bylaw; instead the township will act on a complaint-driven basis.

"I hope the township enforces the bylaw in the spirit it was meant to be," Sayne added before clearing the trash away in a large green garbage bag.

Minden Hills council will vote on clean and clear bylaw on April 25

Amanda Rigby highlighted several similar concerns already voiced by previous delegates, adding the bylaw could encourage future property owners to retire in Minden.

She said her main concerns were for the ultimate damage caused to land and water in the municipality from excessive trash. The clean and clear bylaw might encourage "future residents to give the area a second look."

However not all the delegates had words of praise for the committee members, who included Rigney, McMahon, Buchanan and Councillor Peter Oyler.

The owner of Minden Hills Rent-All John Cooper said while he supported the essence of the bylaw he still had some qualms about the way the clean and clear bylaw was written and that it needed to be looked at a lot further before being etched in the bylaw book.

"It's opening a can of worms and it's vague," he told the committee. "It's a catch-all and leaves the issue wide open for vindictive neighbours."

Cooper implored the committee to take a second look at the wording of the document and asked them to be more specific.

Concerns aside, Cooper said "I do agree we need something, but not that vague.

"There are some situations I look at and they make me sick," he said, "but I'm appealing to [council] to take a long hard look at bylaw and put some description in it."

He also raised the issue of the hours of operations at landfill sites, saying that if the dump hours were more flexible, the issue of trash and unsightly properties in Minden could be averted.

"I see a whole lot of stuff thrown onto municipal roads because of the inconvenience. The dump is not open."

With longer hours people who work during the day could have the opportunity to dump their trash and avoid situations where it piles up around their property.

The clean and clear bylaw would regulate the maintenance of properties within the township and require those violating the it to clean their property at their own expense.

So far bylaw No. 02-21 has stirred things up at the township as camps from both sides of the argument both on council and in the public have been very vocal.

The initial bylaw was defeated by council in October 2001, but was brought back to the table by Reeve Ross Rigney who was absent for the initial vote on the subject. As a result of his absence the council was grid-locked and an eventual tie vote defeated the bylaw.

When Rigney re-tabled the bylaw he asked council to set aside a 30-day time period for members of the public to voice their concerns or show their support to council. The bylaw was read a first and second time at council on March 28 and will undergo the final reading at their next meeting this month on April 25, where it will either be passed or rejected.

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A Korean experience

Getting ready for the Rotary group exchange trip was made a lot easier thanks to the generosity of Highlanders

Editor's note: Carnarvon resident Kate Hall is spending the month of April in South Korea with five other participants in Rotary's group study exchange, including two from the Highlands: group leader Brian Men-ton of Gooderham and Times photographer Darren Lum. She wrote this story before she left several days ago.

by **KATE HALL**
Special to The Times

Well, the time has finally come for Brian Menton, Darren Lum and I to head out on our much-anticipated Group study Exchange to South Korea.

There has been a great deal of preparation for this trip. Of course we have come to know our fellow team members better and will continue to do so in the coming month. We are all outfitted with a navy suit bearing the Rotary International crest and we have gained some understanding of the country that we are visiting.

But, as with most trips of this nature, there were a myriad of details that needed to be taken care of and many people in this community have been great supporters in helping us dot the i's and cross the t's. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of Brian, Darren and myself to all who helped prepare us for this adventure.

Kim Emmerson offered his creative skills in putting together a power point presentation for us so that we can share out lives in pictures with our Korean Rotary hosts. We can now rest assured that our group will appear professional and on the cutting edge of technology. We decided to make a brochure to give to our hosts offering greetings from our Rotary District Governor as well as introductory information about ourselves. Andy Campbell from the Haliburton County Futures Development Corporation graciously donated pins and helped subsidize the cost of our brochure.

In a courteous gesture to our host country, we decided to have the text translated to Korean and this proved to be a difficult task. Lisa Park and her husband Pius, who own and operate the Jug City convenience store in Carnarvon, were extremely helpful and patient, offering to translate and proof read the text before it went to the printers. Always up for a challenge, Wendy Gunning at County Commercial Printers offered her ever, cheerful layout advice and remained patient until we got it right. Varty Jewellery & Gifts in Haliburton Village made up our name tags complete with Rotary Wheel and maple leaf and County Sign & Display in Minden worked with us to produce a banner displaying both the Korean and Canadian flags.

There will also be numerous people in Korea helping our group to have an experience of a lifetime and we have packed many gifts to give as thanks for their efforts, some of which were generously given to us.

A number of Chris Bishop's books of Haliburton County were donated by the Haliburton Rotary Club and will allow us to leave behind images of the Highlands with our Korean friends.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce put together gift bags including maps, brochures and baseball caps bearing the new logo for the county.

Jim Henwood donated some Canada key chains as give-a-ways.

The Township of Highlands East offered some pens to hand out.

MPP Chris Hodgson's office was generous with Ontario coat of arms and trillium pins and Murray Fearrey gave us county pins as well.

Our local Molson representative got us a deal on some "I Am CANADIAN" t-shirts to wear with pride and give away while we're there.

The maple trees at Inukshuk Manor Bed & Breakfast were particularly generous with their liquid gold, which I'm sure will be a favorite gift (many thanks to Dorothy for her special touch with the tags and ribbon). Bill and Anne Beatty also donated some delicious syrup.

Both *The Minden Times* and *The Haliburton Echo* have shown great interest in our adventure and have covered our story well. This is a bit of a working holiday for Darren as he will be sending pictures and articles home to both papers throughout the trip. I'll also be checking in with *The Minden Times* to keep you up to date with our travels.

And last but certainly not least is the wonderful support that we have received from our two sponsoring Rotary Clubs - Minden and Haliburton – without which we would not be embarking on this vocational and cultural exchange.

One of the goals of Rotary International's Group Study Exchange is to foster peace and understanding in the world. Our own back yard was a good place to start and through the generosity of our community in preparing for this trip, I feel that we have begun.

Once again, many thanks and we look forward to sharing our South Korea experience with you when we return.

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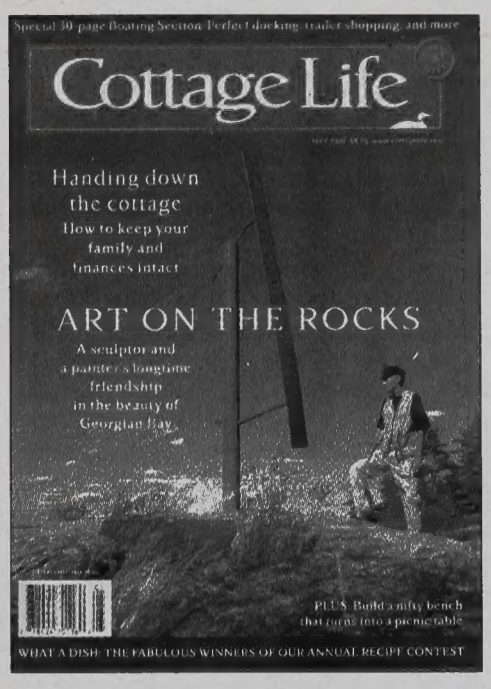

Prentice boys hit the newstands

This month's *Cottage Life* magazine features a glowing tribute to Minden's Tom Prentice and his four road-grading sons

There are a whole lot of reasons why Highlanders would want to pick up a copy of this month's *Cottage Life* magazine (besides the fact that it is a very fine magazine.)

First, there's a picture and small story about Glena and Ted Koehler's tradition of starting the day with a coffee on the dock at their Wren Lake cottage.

Then, a few pages in there's a fabulous feature about Minden's Tom Prentice – "Doing his level best: From washboard to washout, cottage road grader Tom Prentice Sr. has seen a lot of ups and downs."

Cleverly written by Jim Poling Sr., the feature is a glowing tribute to Prentice, his business and his family.

"It takes patience and diplomacy to raise four boys - and especially to bring them into the same business," Poling writes.

"Ride with Tom over the cottage roads he maintains and you'll see he gets plenty of practice being a patient diplomat. Potential controversies and confrontations lurk around every cottage road corner, as frequent as frost-heaved boulders and rusted culverts. They might take the form of a washout or an angry cottager waving a shovel."

Kudos to the Prentice boys – and to *Cottage Life* for telling their story so well.

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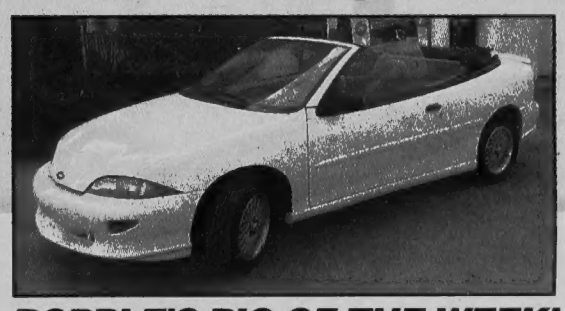

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A last pitch effort

Three years of trying to drum up support for organized children's softball in Minden has failed to recruit enough players to form a league. For a dozen years before that, the Minden Minor Softball Association enjoyed some very successful seasons, some years with more than 200 youngsters from T-ball age to young adults enjoying some Tuesday evening games at the Minden fairgrounds and the community centre ball diamonds.

The past couple of years have seen a few of the association's organizers offer the youngsters who still wanted to play the opportunity by showing up at the ball park and making equipment available for a few pick-up games.

That isn't going to happen this year.

Watching the numbers dwindle to the point where there weren't enough players in most divisions to form two teams to play against each other has taken its toll on the organizers. Understandably, they are disappointed and frustrated when their efforts to provide organized recreational softball (complete with instruction, umpires and coaches) for the community's youngsters go unanswered.

Nobody seems to know why interest in softball, T-ball and five-pitch is down. The only summer sport that is enjoying good participation is soccer. The jury is still out with regard to whether or not the increased popularity of soccer has resulted in a decreased interest in softball.

It is not that there are fewer children in the community. Numbers of students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School would indicate there are plenty of youngsters in the age range served by the Association in the past to support minor softball.

Lack of community support is not the problem, either. Organizers have always been able to get local businesses to contribute, so the players had T-shirts and there were enough batting helmets, balls, bats, bases and catchers' equipment to go around.

They seemed to be able to provide coaches for all the teams, even when the numbers were high. Umpires were always available for all the games where umps were needed.

The cost was reasonable, so the likelihood of families not being able to afford to enroll their children in the league was slim. In fact, it's doubtful any child would ever have been turned away because of a family's inability to pay the cost of registration.

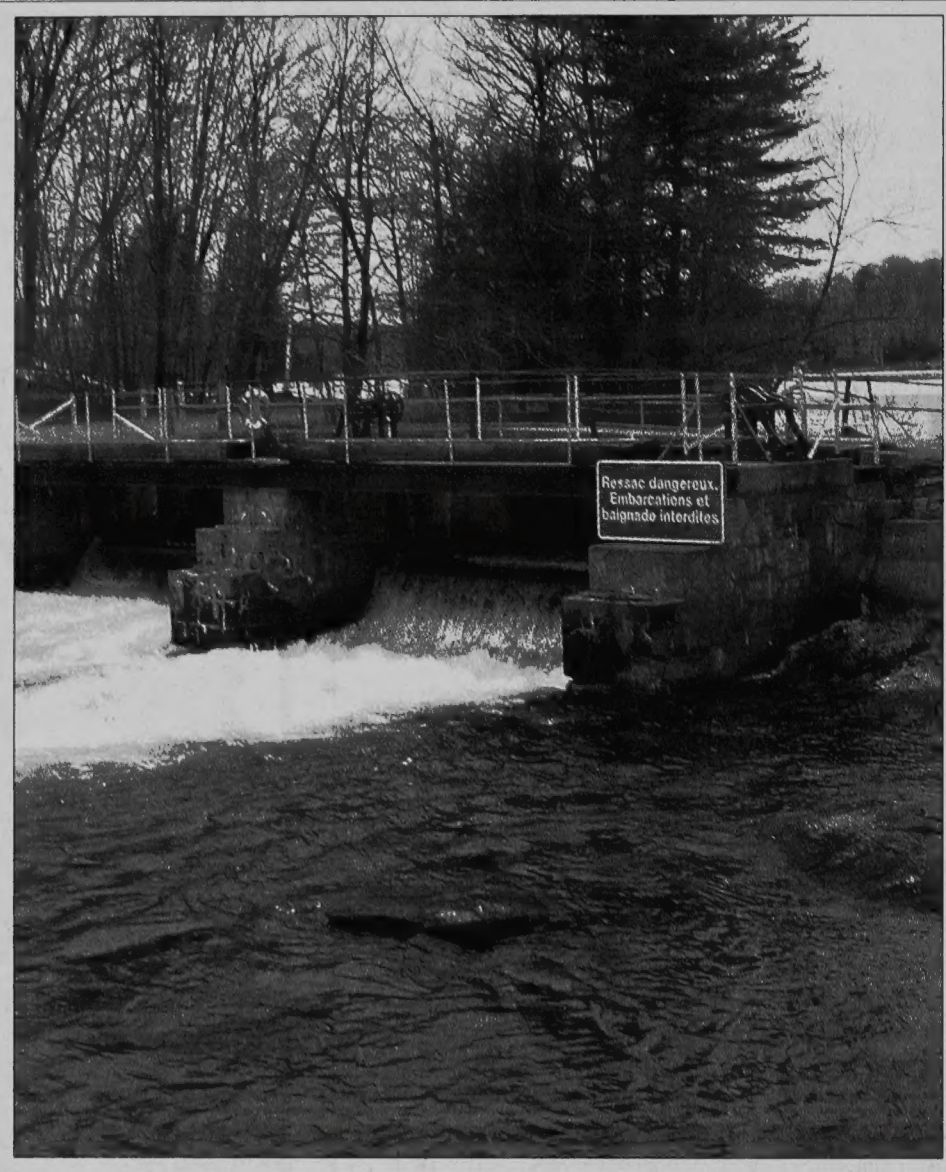
It appears there is simply less interest in the sport than there was five or six years ago. Maybe it's a cyclical thing and some time in the not too distant future more youngsters will get the urge to get onto the diamonds once a week for some recreational softball, five-pitch or T-ball.

It's unfortunate that there are organizers who are dedicated and willing but not enough players to take advantage of the opportunity that is being offered. Hopefully, when and if the pendulum sings back, there will still be people willing to take on the responsibility of putting everything together to make it happen. Organizing such a league is a big, and often thankless, job.

The organizers met recently and decided, after three years of trying unsuccessfully to revive the Minden Minor Softball Association, that it was time to pull the plug. There will be no registration for 2002. They are now looking for suitable storage, possibly long term, for the equipment.

Some are optimistic that interest in youth softball, five-pitch and T-ball will return and have stated a willingness to give it a try again in a few years.

To all those who have worked so hard for so many years to provide the opportunity for youngsters to play ball in Minden, the community owes you a debt of gratitude. Don't give up, the children may need you again. **jg**



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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Actions erode Chamber

To The Editor:

Your report of the Chamber of Commerce funding submission made for very interesting reading. As President of the previous board, I am deeply offended to be referred to as a giddy lottery winner or more recently, a kid in a candy store. For a three-time President who has participated in many funding proposals, the funding was a breath of fresh air but certainly not treated like a lottery win.

Early in 2000, at the onset of receiving the confirmation of the funding, I called a one day planning retreat in order to ensure that all board members knew of his or her obligations and also to ensure that they were knowledgeable as to the criteria of the Randolph Report Funding. Our Manager, Peter Rigby, led us through the material step by step and at the end of the day we were very well informed, up to speed and full of excitement in the challenges ahead. In fairness to Mrs. Ferguson, she was not in attendance as she was away on an extended vacation.

Upon her return, Mrs. Ferguson and I discussed ways of controlling project funding and as a result she made up a simple system using a binder divided into sections noting each project and the money allotted. She did a great job! The checks and balances were then formally in place.

You quoted Mrs. Ferguson as saying she didn't know where the figures came from that Mr. Rigby used in last years proposal. Again, in early 2000, Mrs. Ferguson started to assist the office Manager in the preparation of the monthly financial statements and the financial reporting to the Board. Other than the usual housekeeping issues, there was never any indication that the existing checks and balances weren't working.

This past February, while talking to the new Vice President, Jim Henwood, he indicated there was confusion as to what money was spent where. I offered to help in any way I could. I then asked Mr. Rigby (recently terminated), if he would be willing to return to the Chamber and assist in sorting out what went where. He indicated he would. I advised Mr. Henwood. To my knowledge Mr. Rigby has not been contacted.

I talked to the Chamber's auditing firm. The auditor involved indicated that, at time of audit, everything was in order. His report, given at the annual meeting in the fall, reflected his comments. I asked if he would be willing to attend the Chamber to assist in anyway. He indicated he would be glad to. I advised Mr. Henwood. To my

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INOTHERWORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Ruling on water pistols could be all wet

Here in Canada we are lucky in that, with few exceptions, we can trust our police. Apparently, that's not the case in Thailand, where the local constabulary has just been banned from carrying squirt guns during that country's popular New Year's water festival. Though trusted with real pistols, Super Soakers are an entirely different matter.

It all has to do with a Thai celebration, currently in progress, where people give thanks for the New Year and the upcoming rainy season. In keeping with the wet and wild theme, almost every reveler is packing a water pistol and few miss the opportunity to use them in good-natured water fights. If you think that this is weird, let's not forget that our culture pins tails on donkeys, mutilates pumpkins and eats the heads off of chocolate bunnies.

Personally, I think the Thai way sounds like a lot more fun. If not for the fact that early-January water fights in Canada might prove a tad uncomfortable, I'd start a movement to bring that custom here. Then again, alcohol, winter and water guns don't mix. There'd be too many intoxicated party-goers in the Emergency Room with apples frozen solid atop their heads.

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Still the question remains; why aren't the Thai cops let in on water gun fun this year? Well, their National Police Chief says it's a matter of public safety. It seems that he's got real concerns that his cops will accidentally reach for the wrong weapon when returning fire in those friendly soak-ups. Needless to say, this might put a real damper on the party. After all, everyone knows that it's not healthy to have lead in your water. Perhaps for the same reason, the Royal Thai Grenadiers will not carry water balloons during the festivities.

Why don't the police get rid of their real guns for just one day? Once again, it's just cautionary thinking and public safety. I mean, there's really no way to know if the bad guys have eaten within the 45 minutes prior to a shootout. You wouldn't want the criminal element to get cramps in the middle of a gunfight. That'd take all the fun out of the foot chases.

Constable Willie Soakum, a representative of the Thai Police Union disagrees with the ban. "They were quick to pull the plug on our squirt guns but they missed the mark. If they hadn't had brought in inexperienced auxiliary police last year, none of this would be an issue. Yellow slickers, by themselves, are no defense on these mean streets!"

In any case, I'm left wondering about police who are so quick to draw a water pistol that they don't check to make sure the weapon is plastic, see-through, lightweight and neon coloured. I've done a little pistol shooting myself and I've used squirt guns too. As far as I can recall, I have never confused the two, although, come to think of it, that might explain that one loud noise and why that tomcat never again returned to spray my window.

Back to the Thai dilemma. Naturally, the government was unsatisfied with just one restriction. This year revelers are also forbidden to engage in the traditional practice of smearing wet talcum powder on each other. I'm not real sure why but I suppose that this eliminates the spectre of mass diaper changing.

Wet talcum powder lobbyists went ghost white at the announcement. Advocate Chok E. Peyst said "This is outrageous. Everybody knows the dry stuff just doesn't stick. Once again, they are treating us like babies."

And so this crisis unfolds. Will the cops, merely armed with semi-automatic pistols and billy clubs be deluged by a dry, talcumless mob? Who knows? We can only pray that hotheads don't rain.

I'm chewing as slowly as I can!

Every meal I eat leaves me feeling like a loser. Not a weight loser - I eat 'way too much for that. I feel like a moral loser.

I start each meal with a firm resolve to follow the advice my public school nurse gave my class, lo those many decades ago.

"Chew each mouthful at least twenty times" Miss Patchett told us. "It's the key to a healthy digestive system."

I believed her. Still do. And each time I sit down to eat, whether it's a bowl of granola or a T-bone with a baked potato, I tell myself that this time, THIS TIME, I am for sure going to do the twenty times per mouthful thing.

Never happens. I always end up hoovering my plate clean in a feeding frenzy that would do a piranha proud.

And our beloved food manufacturers aren't making my speed-eating an easy Jones to kick. I don't know if you noticed or not, but fast food is getting faster every day.

ARTHURBLACK

Columnist

For folks who suffer from the twin afflictions of liking yogurt and being in a hurry, there is a product called Yoplait Expresse. This is yogurt that you can squirt straight into your mouth from a tube.

Campbell's Soup has a new line it calls Ready-To-Serve Classics. Forget about adding water and you can toss out your can opener to boot. With Ready-To-Serve Classics you just peel, nuke and slurp away.

And for you folks who want your morning breakfast but can't spare the time to actually sit down at a table and eat it, Breakaway Foods has just the product line for you. They call it IncrEdibles. It's a full range of all your favourite morning treats - scrambled eggs, macaroni and cheese, pancakes with syrup.., On a stick. Like a Popsicle. Now you can microwave your IncrEdible, run to your car and join the morning rush hour traffic jam, eating with one hand and steering with the other. If they come up with a way to glue a cell phone to the other end of the stick, life would be complete.

And then there's PJ squares. If you're like me, a substantial part of your teenage diet was peanut butter and jam sandwiches. A slice of bread, a slash of butter, a gob of peanut butter topped with jam. Fast food doesn't get much faster than that, right?

Wrong. You can now buy PJ squares. These are individually wrapped slices that have a thin strip of peanut butter on one side and a smear of jelly on the other. Just unwrap it, slap it on a slice of bread and lunch is made. Or if you're really desperate, forget the bread. Just roll up your PJ square like a limp taco and pop it in your mouth. Now THAT's fast food. It gives a whole new intensity to the term 'eat and run'.

And then there is the other end of the digestive spectrum: Slow Food. It's a movement that's already big in Europe (66,000 members strong) and beginning to

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Truly a sad day to local citizens

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knowledge the auditor has not been contacted.

Finally, in early march I received an email from Mr. Henwood through his Executive Assistant stating that after much discussion the Board decided they weren't in "trouble" after all and my services were not needed.

I have been asked why I haven't defended myself on this issue. Well, I guess I have had enough, hence the reason for this letter. For it to be implied that after some thirty years of dedication to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce that I could be so irresponsible and cavalier is very insulting. In reality, the last two years was a continual struggle with funding applicants and some board members to ensure the money was spent in such a manner as to benefit the county as a whole. If there is any criticism at all it should be for holding the purse strings to tight! I realized from the onset that this type of funding may not last forever and that the money should be spent in a fashion as to ensure the best exposure possible.

All this saddens me deeply because the rebuilt confidence of the community and of County Council has been eroded.

The ones who will really suffer are the individuals who struggle every day to make a living in our county. Whether they are members of the Chamber or not, the Chamber is the only vehicle they have to tell the rest of the world that we are here.

In December when I realized what was going to happen, I recall saying that "this was wrong, all wrong". After witnessing the events of the last three months I still indeed believe it is "wrong all wrong".

This is truly a sad day for the citizens of Haliburton County.

Dennis Casey, Ex-Past President,
Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

Reader supports OPSEU strike, says picketers ultimately will win fight

To the Editor:

As an hourly rated worker for 45 or more years, I started at 50 cents per day. I fully sympathize with the OPSEU workers who are now on strike or any other union that has to take on the mighty money-driven system that we live in.

I have been on that [picket] line several times in the past - once for 149 days and another time for 100 days (in all kinds of weather) and other picket lines. We have been punched, kicked, shot at and chased by police dogs - and then you get the right wing media boys telling the public that we are the bad guys and most believe it. This is the only weapon the working people have to get their fair share of the pie. Keep up the good work.

Our MPP just got a raise of 30 or 40 per cent. It was not their idea, of course, it was some of their friends telling them they deserved it. And they did not have to go on the picket line to get it, either.

I understand through the media that Mike-the-knife Harris is going to get a million dollar's severance pay - nice, eh?

Our new premier, Ernie Eves, got $75,000 or $80,000 severance pay, so the media says, when he quit his cabinet post a while ago. Now, he is back at the public trough for more. Don't forget these fine gentlemen at election time. They deserve it for looking after us.

We end up with a few cents per hour increase and, hopefully, will better ourselves with better working conditions.

It is amazing to me how these scabs have the nerve to cross our picket lines

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Holy moley, it's the Hokey Pokey!

Archie Stouffer kids dance to set a new world record

by CATHY OLLIFFE
Special to The Times

"You put your left hand in.
You put your left hand out .
You put your left hand in and you shake it all about.
You do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself around
And that's what it's all about."

Archie Stouffer Elementary School was rocking last Tuesday afternoon as students took part in the "active8 the Nation's Schools World Health Day World Record Hokey Poke Challenge." (Isn't that a mouthful?)

In order to establish a new Guiness World Record, students all over Canada were asked to Hokey Pokey for eight minutes at exactly the same time – taking into consideration the time difference between all the different provinces. In Newfoundland, for example, students Hokeyed and Pokeyed at 2:45 p.m.; in the Yukon, it was 10:15 a.m. and in beautiful downtown Minden it was 1:15 on the dot.

Staff played the song over the intercom as students gathered in the halls, the gym and their classrooms to shake a leg. Even the office staff got involved! Somebody even suggested the Hokey Pokey be played every day at that time, sort of like the seventh inning stretch at a Blue Jays game, to recharge everyone's energy levels.

The event was part of World Health Day celebrations, usually marked on April 7 by the 191 member countries of the World Health Organization. This year's theme was Move for Health, with an emphasis on the beneficial effects of physical activity.

High-steppers Bailey Walker, Maila O'Sullivan, Matthew Thompson and Andrea Dum of Archie Stouffer Elementary School did a little Hokey Pokeying hoping to make it into the Guiness Book of World Records. Students across Canada took part in the event last Tuesday.
See story.

Organizers only came up with the idea five weeks ago, brainstorming to come up with a fun, physical event. Craig Wellington, a marketing manager who was instrumental in planning, was amazed at how well as simple idea went over.

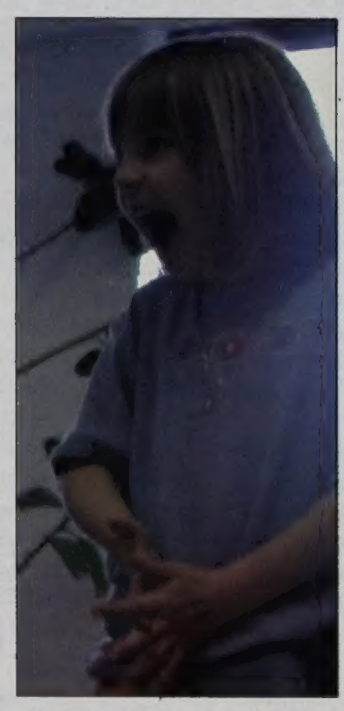
"The response that we had was just incredible," he told the Times. "It just goes to show there's a tremendous hunger amongst kids for fun, physical activity."

So, did they set a record?

"Yes!" Wellington said. The previous record for doing the Hokey Pokey was 6,786 Irish kids who Hokey Pokeyed back in the late 80s. Organizers were hoping for at least that many but they almost fell out of their chairs when more than 266,000 kids in 880 schools across Canada took the challenge.

"We're waiting for official verification from Guiness but, yes, we certainly broke the record," Wellington said.

Record or not, the kids at Archie Stouffer certainly had fun , dancing and grinning and just generally having a Hokey Pokey of a good time.



The faces of Hokey Pokey: Andrea Dum, Jacob Harrison and Devyn Newton who had a loose tooth that day and wiggled it the whole time she was doing the Hokey Pokey.
Now THAT's talent!

Turkey's plentiful as hunting season opens

As the season opens on wild turkeys April 25, residents of southern and central Ontario can expect plentiful hunting and viewing opportunities with these large and colorful birds.

OFAH biologist Ed Reid notes that a mild winter has helped these reintroduced birds fare extremely well, and, should spring conditions continue to be favorable, the future looks exceptionally bright for wild turkeys.

What is truly remarkable is that wild turkeys disappeared from their native range in Ontario almost 100 years ago, but, through efforts of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and several partner groups and agencies, turkeys are, again, a part of our ecosystem, Reid adds.

The wild turkey reintroduction program began in 1984 with a release of 274 birds. After hundreds of similar trap and transfer efforts Ontario birds now number well over 35,000.

"Wild turkey reintroduction is a success story marked by devoted volunteers and extraordinary international co-operation. This natural resources legacy will benefit Ontario for generations to come," said Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Executive Director Mike Reader, whose 83,000-member organization spearheaded the program also involving the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Wild turkeys are an important part of Ontario's natural biodiversity, but loss of habitat and unregulated commercial hunting wiped out the birds. Biodiversity, which relates to the abundance of different species of plants and animals, is critical to a healthy environment, said Reid.

"This program has also generated awareness of our natural resources and encouraged habitat protection and enhancement. The spin off benefits are enormous with new opportunities for tourism and nature viewing as well

Residents of southern and central Ontario should be prepared for favourable conditions when the season opens April 25

as increased hunting opportunities and funding that further aids in the management of natural resources," Reader said.

With the Ministry of Natural Resources approving and overseeing the wild turkey reintroduction program, volunteers were recruited and trained to trap wild turkeys in Ontario and initiate releases in areas identified as suitable habitat. Often, landowners and volunteers help enhance turkey habitat with tree and shrub planting programs that also benefit numerous other wildlife species.

The program was considered so successful that in 1987 the province held its first wild turkey hunt, in which 64 birds were harvested. Fourteen years later, in 2001, more than 15,000 wild turkey licences were sold to generate in excess of $290,000 for wildlife management programs in Ontario. The harvest of 3,496 turkeys in 2001 clearly indicates the hunt is wholly sustainable. In addition, in 1999, Ontario turkey hunters in spent $1.3 million on equipment, accommodation, travel, food and beverages, bringing needed economic activity to many communities.

All first time turkey hunters in Ontario must successfully complete a wild turkey education safety course. In addition, all hunters in Ontario must now complete hunter and firearms safety courses and tests and purchase hunting and firearms licences.

As Ontario's wild turkey population grew, trap and transfer efforts became more successful within the province. Throughout the winter of 2001/2002, about 630 birds from Ontario as well from Tennessee (188) and Michigan (50) were trapped and relocated to new areas of Ontario.

Trap and transfer of birds has been aided by state agencies and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), which has been active in recent years setting up local chapters of volunteers in Ontario and the US.

Trap and transfer is paid for by the Ministry of Natural Resources, OFAH, the NWTF and through donations from individuals and local conservation clubs.

This year is the last provincially co-ordinated trap and transfer effort with releases in 38 areas of Ontario including sites near Ottawa, Cornwall, Pembroke, Amhurstburg, Simcoe, Tweed, Port Perry, Peterborough, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Newmarket, Durham, Owen Sound, Clinton, Wingham, Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo, Elmira, Petrolia, Minden, Kincardine, Port Elgin, Mattawa, Pelee Island, Woodstock, Welland, Fort Erie, Stratford, the Greater Toronto area, Smith's Falls and St. Thomas.

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It's lunch pail before cash

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and take every benefit that you get and they say they should have got more. They are the lowest.

I heard an old saying many a day ago that I never forgot because it is very true. "Don't forget the lunch pail comes before the cash register."

Keep up the good work. The rest of organized labour is behind you - it is their fight also. Three cheers. You will win.

Ambrose "Amby" Ferren
Kinmount

Arthur Black

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catch on in North America.

The Slow Food movement was founded back in 1986 by a group of surprise, surprise – Italian food lovers who got sick and tired of the expanding commercial juggernaut we call fast food outlets. Slow Food's whole premise: food isn't supposed to be fast. It's supposed to be leisurely and lovingly prepared and enjoyed. Eat and run? Forget it.

Slow Food lovers believe a decent meal should take as long as an opera, a theatre production or a romantic rendezvous. They seek out and encourage restaurants that feature local recipes and cater to small, unhurried clienteles. Above all, they want us all to relax and take a breather with our meals. Their symbol is a snail.

"Fast food is not genuine food," says a spokesman. "It fills you up without sustaining you. I think people are tired of eating things that have no taste, no history, no link with the land. They want something better."

Sounds good to me. I haven't seen any restaurants with a snail logo on the menu, but I'll keep an eye out. In the meantime, I'm going to practice. If you spot a guy in the local diner who's hunched over the blue plate special and looks like he's talking to himself, don't call the cops. It's only me, in training.

I'm chewing, Miss Patchett, I'm chewing.

Jordan Hamilton's many smiles

Photos by CATHY OLLIFFE

Hundreds of smiles, stories of sleep-overs and new puppies, and sometimes even 'I love you'

A volunteer's rewards:

To the Editor:

As a volunteer at ASES I give approximately five hours a week of my time. I would like to break this time down as I see it.

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Canoe radio sets afloat new plan to raise funds

by **JERRY GROZELLE**
Times staff

The Haliburton County Community Radio Association held a press conference at the Delta PineStone Resort Friday afternoon to promote a fund-raising event and update the progress that has been made toward the development of CANOE FM.

The fund-raiser is an auction, which will be held in PineStone's Grand Ballroom on Sunday, May 26. The auction promises to offer something for everyone. Eric Beaulieu noted that "the Toronto Maple Leafs, Blue Jays and Raptors are on side." The big sports teams have donated merchandise such as sweaters and other items that are sure to be a hit with sports fans. Dempsters has donated bread for a year, the Sears Carpet outlet has donated wall to wall carpet.

"About 75 per cent of the merchants we have contacted have donated something for the auction," Beaulieu said. Some of the items will be sold by silent auction and some will be sold by live auction. An auctioneer has not been recruited yet.

In addition to merchandise and services provided by local businesses, which the group is still accepting, Beaulieu said a section of the auction will be devoted to local artists and artisans who donate their work.

The variety of auction items is expected to include some unique opportunities for the discriminating buyer. Beaulieu suggested there may be an opportunity for someone to be an MPP for a day, with the high bidder spending a day with our local representative Chris Hodgson or for someone to spend a day on the water with the OPP Marine Unit.

All auction item donations will be gratefully accepted, Beaulieu said.

"Delta certainly supports the initiative," said Delta PineStone Resort General Manager Scott de Savoye. "It's time we had a local radio station."

"The mandate of CANOE FM is to cover all of Haliburton County," said Jack Hewitt, President of the HCRA. He explained that the original plan was to have the station on air in May. That goal has since been delayed a few months because the necessary funds haven't been raised. The budget for the first year of operation was set at $85,000. The shortfall will mean CANOE's first broadcast won't be until September or October.

Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

CANOE FM is getting ready to raise some money with a auction to be held on May 26. From left to right George Hewitt, Eric Beaulieu and Scott de Savoye recently held a press conference to announce the auction and start raising some public awareness.

The CANOE Entertainment Committee are also exploring the possibility of a concert.

A variety of programming is planned for the station, including community information, music, live on-site event broadcasts, some news and sports. The content will be limited only by the imagination of the program hosts who volunteer to produce and present the shows.

Harry Southworth, a member of the CANOE FM Steering Committee, said he plans to host a big band show.

The high school will also be offered the opportunity for students to produce their own show. Area musical talent will also be featured with live broadcasts from locations across the county.

Training will also be provided for on-air hosts as well as the technicians and producers who work behind the scenes.

Until the funding is in place (the fund-raising team is about half way to it's first-year goal) the programming will be on hold. "Right now, we're a radio station without a voice," Southworth said.

Items for the auction will be on display at the PineStone Grand Ballroom starting at 10 a.m. on the event. The bidding will get under way at 1:30 p.m. on May 26.

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A big cheque

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation received $1,500 from the Minden Kinsmen Club recently. The donation was presented to Foundation Manager Dale Walker and Foundation Board of Directors member Jack Woodcroft. The latest installment brings the Minden Kinsmen Club's total contribution to more than $14,300 to the cause. The money was raised from the Kinsmen Bingo, which is telecast on CHEX TV in Peterborough. Bingo players purchase their cards at several local outlets, including the Jug City outlets in Minden, Carnarvon and Haliburton, the Minden Food Mart, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton, the Esso Service Station in Norland, Shop 'N Save in Kinmount, Lucky Dollar in Gooderham, and Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce. On hand for the presentation were Kinsmen members and their families, including Tom Prentice, Jim and Sheila Carrell, Gord and Karen Barter, Karin Koch, Daniel Douglas, Steve and Audrey Robson and Jack and Audrey Prentice and their son Benjamin.

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TIMES SPORTS

Three strikes
Minden Minor Softball bows out

Perfect Storm
Officials agree first year is a success

Martha Perkins/TIMES

HHSS ranks #1
Going birdie to birdie with students from 20 schools, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School badminton team ranked first in the Kawartha championships held Wednesday in Haliburton. Above, the Senior Girls' team of Leane Dron and Caley Sisson finished the day second overall while the Senior Mixed team of Andrew Mansfield and Cheryl Ripley, below, came in first. The team advances to the COSSA championships in Belleville on April 24.

Martha Perkins/TIMES

Top chess players compete at HHSS

Eight advance to provincial championship in Toronto April 22

by **BLAKE PATON**
Special to The Times

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was the scene of fierce competition as 69 players battled for the right to attend the provincial chess championship in Toronto on April 22.

Tournament highlights included a tough match-up between Kelly Dobson and Daniel Riley in the Grade 8 division, which Riley won in a tiebreaker.

In Grade 5, a three way playoff for the second qualifying position resulted in an unresolved tie and four players qualifying for the provincial championship.

In Grade 6, Karl Kadwell defeated his rival, Zac Pasley, in a first-round match-up, but Pasley managed to qualify by winning a tiebreaker over Connor Duhaime of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in the race for second place.

Perhaps the toughest competition came in the Grade 7 round robin, where Andrew Flowers of JDHES took the title over rival Alex Danilko of ASES (who went to the national championship last year). Danilko defeated Flowers in the round robin, but Flowers won the division by one half point, mainly due to a first round draw between Devin Hunter and Alex Danilko. Brandon Loney played spoiler by handing Danilko his only defeat.

The action switched to Lindsay on April 13 at LCVI, as players contested another tournament where they could qualify for the provincial age-division tournament.

The following is a list of qualifiers to the provincial championship. Division winners are marked with a *.

Grade 1 – Jessica Duchene*, Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES)

Grade 2 – Madison Barton*, SBES

Grade 3 – Christopher Judge*, SBES; Thomas Nichol, SBES

Grade 4 – Drew Paul*, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES)

Grade 5 – Daniel Wright*, JDHES; Shane Dibblee, JDHES; Amanda van Lieshout, JDHES; Collin Sober-Williams, Pine Glen ES

Grade 6 – Karl Kadwell*, JDHES; Zac Pasley, Gooderham ES

Grade 7 – Andrew Flowers*, JDHES

Grade 8 – Daniel Riley, JDHES

Grade 10 – Tiffany Butler*, Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School (BMLSS)

Grade 11 – Amy McLennan, BMLSS

Grade 12 – Ben Cosgrove, BMLSS

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE
(File No. SRA-01-40, SRA-01-41 & SRA-01-42)
Applicant - MOORE, HUTTON AND FAIRBROTHER

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of SOUTH LAKE, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of SNOWDON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on APRIL 25TH, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 A.M., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of SOUTH LAKE, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 13, geographic Township of SNOWDON, designated as Parts 1 (FAIRBROTHER), PART 2 (HUTTON) AND PART 3 (MOORE) on a Plan of Survey 19R-7155, registered AUGUST 27, 2001.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 25TH day of MARCH, 2002.

Brendan Bérubé,
Planning Administrator,
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario. KOM 2K0

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OFMINDEN HILLS

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 02-19
APPLICANT – THE ESTATE OF DEAN LEARY
RZ-01-13

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 02-19 on the 28th day of March, 2002 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the 6th day of May, 2002, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately 0.58 hectares (1.47 acres) of land, located in the geographic Township of Lutterworth, at Part of Lot 23, Concession 7, from Rural (RU) Zone to Shoreline Residential Type Two (SR2) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit a seasonal dwelling house.

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map below.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills' satellite office, being the former Lutterworth Municipal office, during regular office hours.

Key Map

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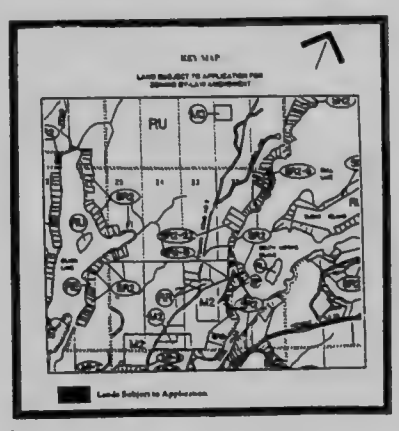
April 15, 2002



PUBLIC NOTICE

"By-Law No. 02-21, a by-law to regulate the maintenance of properties within the Township of Minden Hills, a by-law to Clean and Clear", received first and second reading at the regular meeting of Council held on Thursday, March 28, 2002. The by-law is scheduled to receive third reading at the regular Council meeting on April 25, 2002.

The Clean and Clear By-Law is available for pick-up at the Front Counter of the Township of Minden Hills Administration office, 7 Milne Street or on the Township website at www.minden.on.ca.

Anyone wishing to comment or requiring further information on this by-law should contact before April 24, 2002:

Twyla Nicholson, Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 02-20
APPLICANT – PRENTICE POWER SPORTS
RZ-01-11

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 02-20 on the 28th day of March, 2002 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

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THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately 0.73 hectares (1.8 acres) of land, located in the geographic Township of Lutterworth, at Part of Lot 3, Concession 12, from Highway Commercial Exception Five (C1-5) Zone to Highway Commercial Exception Seven (C1-7) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit access to Highway Number 35, to allow for Highway Commercial (C1) Zone uses and to allow for a north-east interior side yard of 5.16 metres for the main building.

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map below.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills' satellite office, the former Lutterworth Municipal office, during regular office hours.

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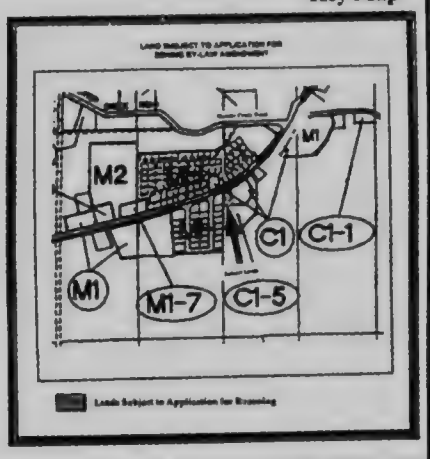

Highland Storm officials agree inaugural season was a huge success

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Jim Winn, past president of the newly-formed Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association, was pleased with the first year of operation. He's especially proud of the fact that the County League or House League saw an increase in enrollment.

"We made hockey more affordable for more people," he said.

Winn credited County League convener Wade MacInnes with the its success.

"The County League is the cornerstone of the Association," Winn said.

Many of the youngsters on Highland Storm teams had a longer season because they were more competitive.

Winn coached the Peewee AE team, which finished the season as all-Ontario finalist. The team did it with seven players from Haliburton and seven from Minden. He said some "pretty good friendships were made over the course of the season. That included not only players, but in many cases, parents and other family members as well. "It was a bigger social event because we got to know each other better," he said.

The teams were more successful overall than in pervious years. In total, four OMHA Highland Storm teams advanced as far as the all-Ontario semifinals.

"We still need a bit more depth," Winn admitted. "There's always room for improvement."

Conflicts between team officials and parents were minimal, largely because of a Discipline and Ethics Committee. The committee took care of any problems before they developed into anything bigger. The Discipline and Ethics Committee is pat of the Association's constitution.

"They took care of the little things that most people didn't even know about," Winn said. "They are concerned about the kids. The parents are not supposed to be the entertainment.

Every team had two and a half to three hours of ice time each week, which, in many cases was more than previous seasons.

> *"It was a successful, fun-filled season for the players and the parents."*
>
> **Andy Lennox**

When a team hosted a tournament, the parents of players from both centres worked side by side to make the tournaments successful. He cited the annual Glen Dart Memorial Tournament in Haliburton as an example of people working together for a common goal. Volunteer help from across the county helped to make the event so successful.

"I think it was a good year," Winn said. "There are a lot of Highland Storm coats out there and people don't buy coats if they are unhappy with the way the organization is operated."

Andy Lennox, a member of the Highland Storm Board of Directors, said the first season "was fantastic."

"We had high expectations and everything went even better than we expected," Lennox said.

Number one on Lennox's list of accomplishments was the success of the County league, with its 80 players and the low cost to the participants.

"It was a successful, fun-filled season for the players and the parents," Lennox said. "We expect it to increase by leaps and bounds. Everything has gone extremely well."

Ice time was evenly split between Minden and Haliburton.

Like Winn, Lennox said there are a couple of areas that need some improvement, but overall, he couldn't be much happier with the way the inaugural season progressed.

Lennox also praised Wade MacInnes for his work with the County League.

"We generally had winning teams and everyone seemed to really enjoy the year," Lennox said. "My son had a chance to make new friends from Haliburton."

The season passed without the newly formed association running into any monetary problems.

"Financially, we're solid," he said. "Everything went exactly as planned."

Bob Webb, Jean Pugh top team in Tournament

A Partners competition was held at Carnarvon Bowling Lanes on Sunday, April 7. The duo of Bob Webb and Jean Pugh took first place with a pins over average of +251. Second place went to Bob Bullen and Solveg Stout with +216. Ken Thompson and John Whitty were third with +133.

The men's high single went to John Whitty with 259 and the women's high was recorded by Jean Pugh with 290.

See more sports on page 25

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The City of Kawartha Lakes is hosting a Series of Public Meetings to discuss the information contained within the Draft Road Needs Study.

Meeting Dates, Times and Locations are as follows:

All meetings will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Area 1 - April 18th, Coronation Hall, Omemee
Area 2 - April 24th, Victoria Room, City Hall, Lindsay
Area 3 - April 17th, Oakwood Arena
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Thurs. (25th)	**Kirkfield**	**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Councillor Andy Luff will also be available

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Monday Mixed League

Winners of the Seniors' Monday Mixed League playoffs were, left to right: Dave McKay, Ruby Wilkes, Erskine Flook and Gail McConnell. Second pace went to the team of Ross Davies, Zelda Cooper, Walter Braker and Blanch Carr. The third place rink included Don Ballantyne, Marilyn Burrows, Chris Mccartney and Ross Fletcher.

Friday Mixed First Draw

Winners of the first draw of the Seniors' Friday Mixed League were Bob Wiltshire, Jean Hewitt, Fred Preston and Gladys Marquardt. Second went to Ross Codlin, Joyce Wiltshire, Carol Hill and David Ross. The rink of Ray Nobles, Merle Codlin, Morris Duff and Elizabeth Wright took third.

Wednesday Ladies' League

The first place team of the Seniors' Wednesday Ladies' League, left to right, are: Pauline Plooard, Nancy Cook, Ruby Wilkes and Carol Gillespie. Second place went to the rink of Joan Davies, Pat Shonitz, Gail Flook and Mary Ellen Beamish. The team of Doreen Spencley, Winn Taylor, Barb Braker and Dawn McCann

Friday Mixed Second Draw

First place in the second draw of the Seniors' Friday Mixed League playoffs went to the foursome of Joe LaRocca, Winn Taylor, Milt Fletcher and Rose Bennett. The team of Dave McAdam, Pauline Plooard, Alf Briscoe and Hilda Kieckhofer placed second. Third went to Katie Parker, Marion LaRocca, Nick Boekestyn and Julie Graf.

CARNARVONBOWLING

Tuesday Afternoon League
(April 9)
High average: Ken Thompson 217; Mona Benn 191
High single: Ken Thompson 272; Jean Pugh 290
High single (handicap): Cliff Breen 296; Jean Pugh 334
High triple: Bob Braithwaite 699; Jean Pugh 736
High triple (handicap): Bob Braithwaite 747; Jean Pugh 868

Tuesday Afternoon League
(April 10)
High average: Ken Thompson 220; Marie Thompson 187
High single: Vic Ross 245; Carol Snow 246
High single (handicap): Vic Ross 292; Carol Snow 302
High triple: Ken Thompson 693; Mona Benn 604
High triple (handicap): Vic Ross 767; Carol Snow 766

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League
(April 11)
High average: Ken Thompson 228; Bernice Gilles 191
High single: Ken Thompson 253; Bernice Gilles 246
High single (handicap): Ross Henderson 254; Bernice Gilles 309
High triple: Ken Thompson 684; Bernice Gilles 575
High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 715; Bernice Gilles 764

The Minden Skating Club would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support towards the two competitions we hosted this season, the 15th Annual Minden 'Meet to Skate' and the Skate Canada Eastern Ontario Spring Invitational 2002.

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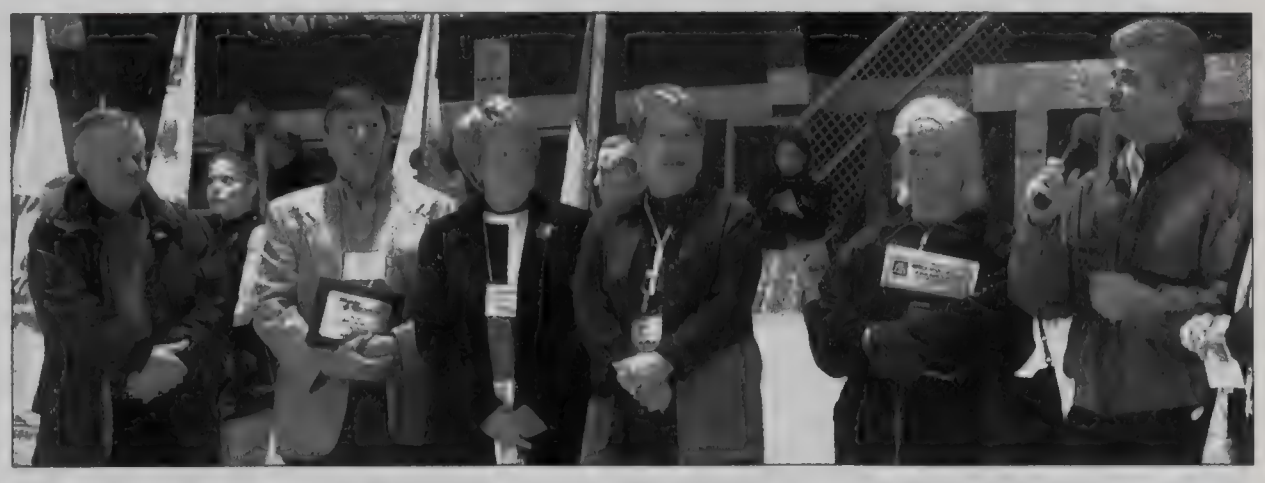
Thursday Men's League

The top team in the Seniors' Thursday Men's League were, left to right: Cliff Green, Dave Heaven, Bruce Fisher and Ted Wilkes. Second place went to the team of Jack Taylor, Bob Wiltshire, Don Lowry and Gere Pike. The rink of Ross Davies, Cliff Scott, Murray Cooper and Jim Corbett placed third.



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Spring Invitational 2002

Minden Skating Club officials and visiting dignitaries are seen here at the opening ceremonies of the Skate Canada - Eastern Ontario Spring Invitational. They are (l to r): Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, co-chairs of the event Jochim Matysek and Bev Matysek, past chair of Skate Canada - Eastern Ontario and Tech Rep and sponsor Chair toni Carr, Title Sponsor Minden Home Hardware representative Kathy Gartshore and Gold Sponsor Dollo's IGA representative Dave Dollo.

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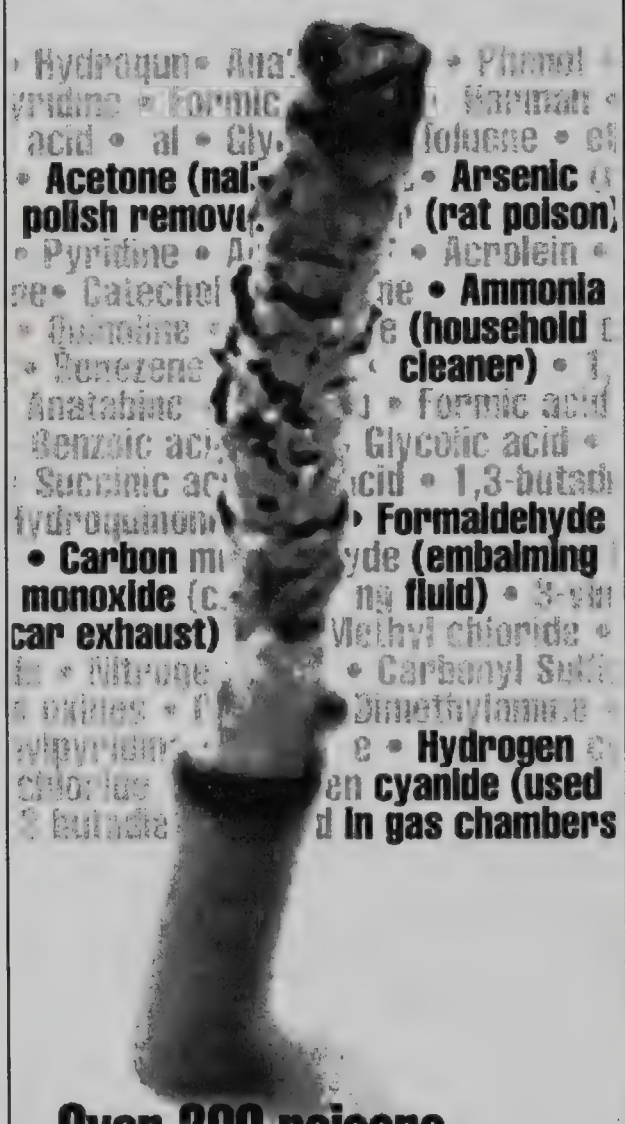

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Brian Moore looks surprisingly relaxed as he approaches a year so busy that the rest of us could get tired just listening to his agenda. If all goes according to plan – and it likely will – Moore will be the next District Governor for the Lions Club.

The governor of Minden

Lions Club is about to give Brian Moore the title of district governor

by **CATHY OLLIFFE**
Times staff

It's the 25-cent cup of coffee that brings 'em in.

And brings 'em in.

Just about any weekday morning it's the same thing – the Westside Jug City on Hwy. 35 is pretty much as busy as busy gets. Folks pull in at the neighbouring filling station for cheap gas then park the pick-up and wander into Jug City for a cheap cup of coffee, the morning paper, maybe a sticky-bun of some type and some kibitzing with the ladies working behind the till. The place is redolent with the smell of several coffee machines working all at once – one pot is down to its last drip, one pot is just starting up and a third pot is being drained by a local contractor or a real estate agent or your kid's teacher ... someone you probably know.

It's partly the 25-cent cup of coffee that really launched Jug City, Gloria and Ray Moore, and their eight children. They started in Muskoka, expanding rapidly, setting up a central warehouse and head office in Minden in the late '80s because Ray saw business potential in the Highlands. Not content just to succeed in business, the Moores were also committed to community service. The Moore patriarch was a politician and a long-time member of the Lions Club and this devotion to community rubbed off on the children. Especially, perhaps, the sixth of their eight kids, Brian, who is about to begin a year he will never forget.

This weekend 400 or so Lions Club members from District A-16 (an area that encompasses a big chunk of southern Ontario, from Ajax to Zephyr, Kettleby-Pottageville to Omemee and Mount Albert to Minden) will converge on the Highlands when the Haliburton club hosts the annual convention. At that time, delegates will vote on the new A-16 District Governor and, unless there's some kind of revolution, that person will be Brian Moore.

The vote is a technicality, really. There have only been a few incidents in the entire world, in the history of the Lions Club, that a person in line for the District Governor's job was turfed out at the last moment. It's not a job that one applies for on a whim – candidates have a lot of hoops to jump (they call it "going through the chairs") before they make it to the prestigious District Governor position. So, unless Moore does something really, really terrible at the convention and offends everyone, he'll get the official nod and begin a year that includes a trip to Japan, visits to Lions clubs all over the district and elsewhere, and countless meetings.

"It's a privilege, the way I look at it," Moore says. "And I couldn't have done this without the support of the club and my family."

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Moore begins his day the way a lot of other people in Minden begin theirs, with a trip to Jug City. Then he goes across the parking lot to head office, next door, where his office is. He's the accountant and a partner in the family business.

"I come in every morning and have our largest cup – what we call a jug – that's half cappuccino and half coffee."

Which costs more than a quarter, of course. The 25-cent cup is the smallest size but even the "jug" only costs a buck and a quarter.

Moore isn't sure how many cups a coffee the Minden Jug City sells in a day but "we sell a lot." He says in places where stores in the Jug City chain have gone up against industry giants like Tim Horton's, Jug City's cheaper brew still sells like hotcakes.

On July 2, providing his position as District Governor is rubber-stamped at the convention this weekend, Moore will fly to Osaka, Japan for two weeks of training. "They're telling me that it costs 15 bucks for a cup of coffee in Japan," he says. Moore jokes about filling his suitcase with Jug City coffee and black-marketing the stuff in Japan. Even with the slightest mark-up, profits could be enormous. "But the Japanese government frowns on bringing food into the country," he says thoughtfully, then grins. "I'm just JOKING."

Moore has been a Lion for longer than the Minden club has been in existence. He started out with the Gravenhurst Lions Club in 1985, when he was just 25, transferring to the Minden club in 1989. Over the years he has served in most of the club's executive positions, including club president and secretary. At the district level he has chaired or sat on several committees and has held the positions of Zone and Region chair as well as Cabinet Treasurer. For his continued efforts, the Minden Lions Club voted for Moore to receive the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1994. He has also been honoured with the

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Brian Moore's "proud to be a Lion"

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Helen Keller, Judge Stevenson and Lions Camp Kirk fellowships.

Oh, and he's also had perfect attendance with the club for the last 13 years. Which is kind of incredible, all by itself.

And when he's not busy with Lions, he plays bass in a local rock band called Minor Details, he's active with the Chamber of Commerce and he's refereed for minor hockey and soccer.

He does it because of a sense of honour inherited from his father. And because he loves it.

"I grew up with community service in the family. My father instilled in us that you do what you can to make the community a better place to live ... Everyone in the family is busy. We all do whatever we can do to help," he says. "My parents were fabulous role models. I was privileged to have them as parents.

"My father gave me his name," he adds, "and the last thing I would do is damage his name."

One might think that his family might be more impressed by Moore's accomplishments. But on the morning of his interview with *The Times*, his brother pops in for a moment and wonders, in a gruffly good-natured way, what all the fuss is about. Then his mother breezes in with an armful of paperwork and teases him about the same thing.

"No respect!" Brian laughs heartily, leaning back in his office chair. But then, they're all so used to the business of community service that being District Governor maybe doesn't seem like too big a deal.

AWARDS

Hanging on Brian Moore's wall are plaques reminding him of the many fellowships he's been awarded over the years. The Minden Lions Club voted for Moore to receive the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1994. He has also been honoured with the Helen Keller, Judge Stevenson and Lions Camp Kirk fellowships.

But it is.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity for me," he says. "I have been very lucky."

Especially since he is the third-youngest individual to take on the job in the last 27 years. At 41, Moore is one of the younger members in the club and he was certainly one of its youngest presidents. But age creates no boundaries in Lions – one of Moore's good friends and mentors, Al Stott, is a perfect example of this. Stott passed away a year-and-a-half ago at the age of 94. And at the tender age of 90, Stott was the club's president.

"He was a very special man," Moore recalls. "Wise and generous. He is a good example of what the [Lions'] organization embodies."

In the coming year, Moore will have to set his own example, acting as an ambassador for, not only Minden and the District, but also for Canada and the Lions Club worldwide. It's a job that will be all-consuming and Moore is grateful for the support of his partner, fellow Lions member Colleen Mewha. Since he'll be away more than he is home, that support is crucial.

As is organization. Already, Moore has most of his schedule for the entire year mapped out. And there won't be many days that are more insane than this coming Canada Day.

He'll spend most of the day "flipping burgers" at the Lions Club's Canada Day booth – it's a major fundraiser for the club, which supports so many charities including the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Then he'll tie on his bass guitar and play for a couple hours, before watching the fireworks and then loading up the car and heading for Toronto to catch a plane to Japan at 7:25 a.m. "Colleen will drive," he says. "I'll sleep in the car."

While that schedule is particularly insane, Moore says his life is always like that. "Just the way I live," he says. "I've always been a busy person."

And even when his year as District Governor is over, things will only slow down by degrees. They might even get busier, depending on whether or not Moore pursues even loftier goals.

There are higher positions than District Governor with Lions International. The ultimate goal is being International President with International Directors under that position and District Governors under those. Moore likes to think of the organization as a bullseye, with the local club at the very centre, smallest point, expanding to Zone, then Region, then District, then Council Chair of multiple districts, then International. He's thinking about trying to go even further but it's just a thought at this point. He's got a convention and then a hectic year as District Governor to get through first.

He'll meet a lot of people along the way and he's looking forward to that. Because, even though people are different, he believes Lions are basically the same at heart.

There's a pledge all Lions take, an international pledge, and Moore believes that anyone who takes that pledge is someone he would be proud to call a friend.

"I pledge allegiance to my country and the cause of peace around the world," the pledge goes. "I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics. I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others."

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Even for a guy as busy as Brian Moore.

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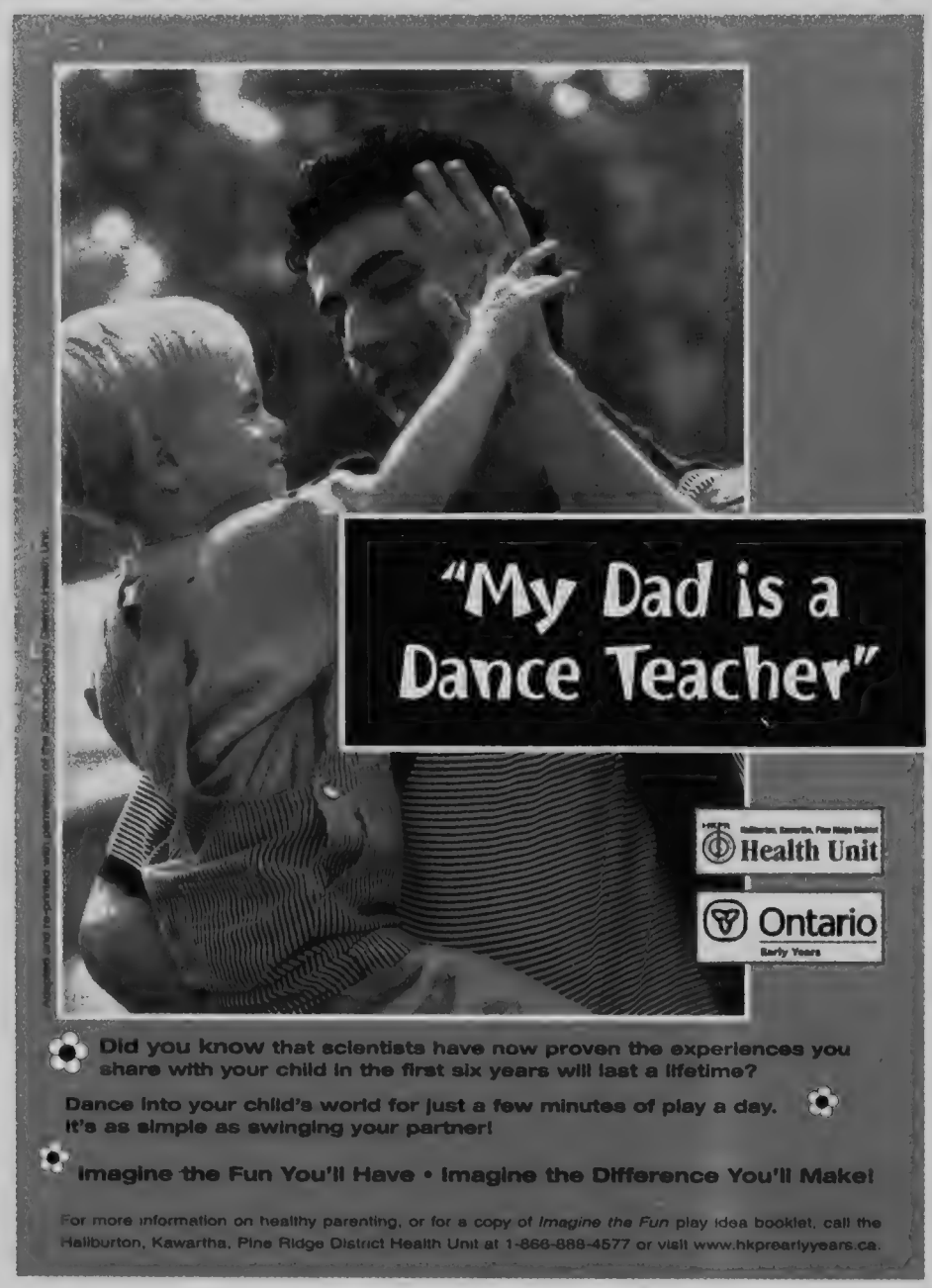

David and Betty Mills take centre stage at the Northern Light theatre at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The couple spearheaded a new group called Friends of Highlands Summer Festival to help theatre in the community raise funds.

Lighting up the theatre

Highlands Summer Festival wants to make new Friends to help it enhance Pavilion facilities

Someone – was it Carole King? – once sang "You've got to friends" and the folks at Highlands Summer Festival couldn't agree more.

Fact is, they have a brand new group of friends, aptly called Friends of Highlands Summer Festival, whose sole purpose is to help the community theatre gain a stronger financial foothold.

Festival treasurer and co-producer Betty Mills calls Friends "an offshoot, a separate body" of the Festival itself which has enjoyed two successful seasons. Critics have written and spoken highly of the plays presented by the Festival so far, calling them ambitious, engrossing and professional in presentation. But all this costs money and plenty of it – more than ticket sales are able to handle.

Festival president David Mills (yes, Betty's husband) says the new Friends "gives an opportunity for the community to support the summer festival beyond buying tickets."

Believe it or not, some theatre patrons are so enamoured of the Festival that David says "they have asked if there are other ways they might support [their] efforts." He adds, "The community has recognized the value of having a live performing arts company in its midst, not only for the important role the Highlands Summer Festival plays in the local economy by providing an additional attraction for the area but also for creating a venue for local actors and others interested in the theatre."

As the theatre has grown, committee members have been able to pinpoint its needs with growing accuracy. One of the things it needs most is better lighting.

"We have a beautiful theatre," David says, "but the lighting is sadly lacking."

"What we have is just not adequate to get a variety of lighting effects," Betty adds.

Last year, David says, the Festival borrowed 20 lights from a theatre group in Pickering. Aside from that, Betty says "We made our own lights, actually built them ourselves."

She points out the jerrybuilt lights still hanging from the ceiling above the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. They're not pretty, for sure, but they do what they have to do. Still, they're really not enough to do the productions justice.

Thus the first priority of the new Friends is to raise money to buy lights. Each unit, new, costs $850, David and Betty say. When you add on the cost of accessories like bulbs, cables and clamps, the price tag quickly escalates.

They do have a line on some used lights from a theatre group in Markham. But even they won't be enough, nor will they be cheap.

> ***"We have a beautiful theatre but the lighting is sadly lacking"***
>
> **BETTY MILLS**

Lights won't be the only project for Friends, David says. If enough money can be raised, they'd like to be able to do things like hire a set or a lighting designer if they have a show that requires such specific expertise.

David says the Festival likes to hire locally, wherever possible, but so far he hasn't hear of any lighting designers living in the Highlands. "If they are, we don't know who they are."

Betty adds, "Maybe they're retiring here even as we speak."

They haven't set a fundraising goal for Friends – they say they'll be happy with anything they get.

"We have to recognize there are so many organizations doing fundraising," David concedes. "The well is only so deep."

Friends has recently sent a letter in the mail talking about Friends and already the response has been good. "Yes, we've had a very encouraging response," David says. "We were very, very excited when we went to the mailbox yesterday."

People who donate to Friends will find they're eligible for several perks – Betty says they want to be able to give out as many freebies as they can, as long as those freebies don't cost actual money.

They envision three levels of participation with Friends. Those who donate $25 will be at the Actor level; those who double that will be Directors; and those who come across with $100 will go into the Producer category.

Actors will get the Friends of the Highlands Summer Festival newsletter, Playbill, as well as recognition of their support on the Festival website.

Directors will get those two things plus an autographed poster from this year's season.

Producers will get all of the above plus a backstage tour, an in-theatre seminar with actors, directors and producers and an invitation to a preview performance.

For more information call 457-9933 or check out the Festival website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Story and photo by Cathy Olliffe

Dragons breathe fire into exhibit at Minden gallery

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Special to the Times

Fire shoots from the dragon, the raku creation momentarily seems alive in a nest of wood shavings, newspaper and scrub before the flames are snuffed out under an old metal washtub.

The little dragon goes through another round of thermal shock therapy before Wayne Rose brings him out of the earthen pit, his newly fired golden eyes and claws shining in the morning sun still intact after the intense attack of heat.

Wayne and his wife Sylvia Rose are restocking the shelves of their Blairhampton gallery with their unique raku, ceramic and stoneware pottery in time for this fall's Studio Tour and the summer tourist season.

But you don't have to wait that long to see what magic they can create in their backyard. From April 18 to May 4, their work will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, sharing the exhibit space with Coboconk watercolour painter Nancy Woodall. There's an opening reception at the gallery this Saturday, April 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., with all three artists in attendance.

Raku originates from 16th Century Japan but has only been practised in the west for the last century. It is an art of chance, since everything from the weather to the combustible materials used can affect the distinct crackle patterns and iridescent glaze effects.

Sylvia says she never knows, when they open their outdoor kiln door at a scorching 1000 degrees, if the clay pieces will be intact or not. Then, picking up the item with a pair of long tongs and special thermal mitts, it is a race over to a shallow earthen pit, dug just large enough for one particular item. The piece is placed in the ground quickly covered with combustible material such as pine needles and shavings, bursting into flames before a metal container is pulled over and earth piled up around the edges, snuffing out the fire and causing a reduction in the oxygen available.

> *"You never know what you're going to get"*
>
> **SYLVIA ROSE**

It is this reduction process that works magic with the glazes. Not that it would appear so after the piece is first removed, encrusted with black bits of the combustibles and colours muted by a smoky haze.

"I use a bit of Dutch cream cleanser and a common green kitchen scrubby to clean them up. You never know what you're going to get. The same emerald glaze can produce a coppery effect, a rich green or a shimmer of color," says Sylvia.

She explained the time that it takes to transfer an item from the kiln to the ground, the outside temperature, and whether or not the piece falls over in the pit can all affect the end results.

"It's always a guess when you open the door (of the kiln) whether they'll still even be in one piece. That's why we always make two of every order we get," she added.

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Sheryl Loucks/Special to The Times

Newspaper, wood shavings and an old metal washtub all play a role in creating raku. Sylvia Rose and her husband Wayne demonstrate the art of raku at the outdoor kiln in Blairhampton. A mixture of raku, ceramics and stoneware pottery will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden from April 18 to May 4.

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'Pottery is a means to an end' for studio tour couple

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The couple are both former educators and moved to the Highlands two years ago from the Uxbridge area where they were on a studio tour for 10 years. Now retired they have transformed the bottom of their new home into three workshops, one for woodworking, one for indoor electric firing and one for pottery.

Wayne also does print making and is excited about doing a course on lithography at Sir Sandford Fleming's Haliburton campus this summer.

They both dabble in watercolours.

Neither imagined when they got involved in pottery in the 70s, raku would come to dominate their art.

"Pottery is a means to an end; I'm a sculptor at heart. I hated raku at first. The clay was thick and pieces were clunky," Wayne admits.

"Initially the clay for raku, because it has to be strong to withstand the thermal shock, was so full of grog to throw it on a wheel it would rip your skin," Rose recalled.

Innovations in the clay material have made it less rough to work with and potters can now make thin pieces.

"You can take sculptural pieces and fire them and from then on it was golden for me," says Wayne.

Sylvia and Wayne Rose demonstrate how they create raku in a kiln where temperatures rise as high as 1000 degrees.

He is known for his detailed dragon teapots while Sylvia specializes in decorative touches on more traditional pieces such as platters.

The couple are currently experimenting with gold finishes, the smoking process and glazes.

They are looking forward to this year's tour which will be less hectic than in 2001 when they built a building housing their three-car garage and the studio while at the same time creating all of their stock.

Game over for softball

by **JERRY GROZELLE**
Times staff

It's official. The Minden Minor Softball Association has been laid to rest.

With it's passing, due to lack of players, league organizers are looking for a secure, dry place to store the equipment.

Grant Shaw, who has been a member of the volunteer Board of Directors for about 15 years, said the equipment wouldn't take up a lot of room, but where it is stored now is damp and the equipment won't last long in those conditions. "It doesn't even have to be a heated area," Shaw said. It could be for a couple of years, maybe longer."

Shaw hasn't completely given up hope that some day there may be enough young people interested in playing softball, five-pitch and T-ball, but in the meantime, he doesn't want to lose the equipment to mildew.

"I'd like to thank all the participants, the kids, parents, coaches, umpires, sponsors and donors," Shaw said.

He is at a loss to explain why the numbers have dwindled over the past three or four years. "Nobody seems to want to make the commitment," he said. "You can only beat your head against the wall for so long."

He wasn't referring to volunteers or sponsors. There have always been volunteers to help organize the teams and help get things set up. Supporters have always been willing to help by donating money for T-shirts for the players and volunteer umpires and coaches were always available. The problem, in recent years, has been getting enough players in the various divisions to form teams.

"We may give it a try again in a few years," Shaw said.

Any money the Association has left will be donated to the Archie Stouffer School Council Playground Equipment Fund.

"Since the softball league was for kids, we thought it only fitting that the money go for the benefit of kids in the community," Shaw said.

Anyone who has space to store the equipment where it won't go moldy, is asked to contact Grant or Sheila Shaw at 286-4240.

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All eyes on Minden's Main Street

Andre L'Italien's research paper on street's history among those presented by Trent students

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Minden's Main street will never be the same for Andre L'Italien.

After spending months delving into archives, searching old photos and literature and comparing a plethora of maps spanning from 1860 to 1900, the Trent University bio-regionalism student had his moment in the spot light. Not only did he complete a brief history of the Main drag in Minden, but he also got a chance to show off his work.

Andre L'Italien used old photos to trace history of Minden's Main Street.

Allison Taylor/TIMES

A crowd listens attentively to Trent University students presenting their papers at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

L'Italien and a four of his classmates, who all conducted research in one or another area in Haliburton County, were on hand April 7 at the Haliburton Museum to present their research to the community.

"It was a challenge, that's for sure," L'Italien said, standing in front of his poster, as around 50 people made the trek to the museum to hear from the students. L'Italien's poster was a detailed map of Main Street as it looked over 100 years ago.

The setting was informal as people were given the opportunity to walk around the room and ask questions of the students. One presentation was made to the audience and the rest of the time was more one-on-one time.

This is the 12th year the university students in the bio-regionalism class at Trent have partnered with the county and other communities in the area. The projects help answer questions for local clubs and organizations and also serve as a learning experience for the students.

U-links, based in Minden, has played a central role in orchestrating the projects and working with both the university and local groups to ensure everything runs smoothly. The bio-regionalism professors Tom Whillans and John Wadland also helped to ensure the projects ran smoothly.

L'Italien's project was commissioned by the County Town Museum and Carol Miles.

Dealing specifically with Minden's Main street from the bridge to the Rockcliffe Tavern, L'Italien's biggest source of information was from records of purchases from a former resident named Wilfred Mason. These detailed receipts helped to pinpoint owners of the stores on the street, and made it easier for L'Italien to put pieces of the puzzle together. The documents were recommended to L'Italien by Carol Moffatt he said.

The information seemed to mesmerize Dianne Graham, administrator at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

"A lot of the information Andre found is useful in a variety of ways," she said standing beside L'Italien. "I'm an anxious to read his written paper."

While the oral presentation was due last week, L'Italien still had a little more time to finish his research paper. Upon its completion, Miles and Graham will be eagerly awaiting a copy.

All of the papers written for and about Haliburton County are housed at the museum in Haliburton.

Other projects conducted in this year's program include: Accessing Haliburton Canoe Routes by Andrea Brown and Jaime MacLeod; the Art and Economic Viability in Haliburton by Natalie Gnys; the Environmental History of the Drag River by Sam Yeaman; Lake Capacity of Little Cameron Lake by Rob Conohan; and L'Italien's investigation of Main Street.

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March comes in like a lion and doesn't stop roaring

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

It seems everyone was looking for the end of March in hopes of spring. It was a rough month, with a few bad wind storms, lots of snow and rain and much colder than last March.

The average temperature was -5.2% C (22.6% F). That was 4.6% C colder than last March.

The total snowfall for the winter was 94.4 inches. Last year it was 109 inches, but last year it stayed around longer (to April 15).

Most of the bad weather came from the south-west, giving us roller coaster temperatures.

Beware of the poor ice conditions on the lakes!

MARCH STATISTICS

Average high: 3.2°C; 37.7°F
Average low: -8.4°C; 16.8°F
Average for the month:- 5.2°C; 22.6°F
Average for last March:-0.6°C; 31.0°F
Highest temperature: Mar. 9 - 14.5°C; 58.0°F
Lowest temperature: Mar. 22 - 22.0°C; -7.6°F

Rain: 53.2 mm; 2.0 in.
Snow 81.0 cm; 31.8 in.
Total precipitation: 134.2 mm; 5.2 in.
Total precip. for last March: 44.6 mm; 1.7 in.
Snow on ground Mar. 31: patches
Snow on ground last March: 44.6 cm; 1.7 in.
Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Mar. 31: 240 cm; 94.4 in.
Days mostly sunny: 9
Days with snow or rain: 15
Days with thunderstorms: 1
Days with freezing rain: 1

jerry Grozelle/TIMES

No thanks, I've already eaten

Despite the way it looks, Logan Roberts didn't have to worry about man-eating tigers when he climbed into a cage during Thursday night's performance by illusionist Claude Haggerty at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Haggerty brought his act to Haliburton to help the high school raise funds. It was one of the last times he and his troop of animals and people will perform in a school - the new $50-million casino in Niagara has asked them to headline a show three times a day.

Artist reaches out to children with paint

MINDEN W.I.

by Mary Cox

Vice-President Dolores Cartmill welcomed the members of the Minden Women's Institute to the March meeting at the Library and Cultural Centre.

Fifteen members answered the roll call, each one giving her views on child discipline.

Bea Berry, Convener of Education and Cultural Activities, introduced speaker Marion Hill, a well-known artist in out community. She spoke about her work teaching children and adults to draw and to use different kinds of paper and paint.

She demonstrated the various techniques by painting several scenes and flowers in a very short time. They were so realistic and beautiful, thus showing her great talent and expertise.

She was thanked with great applause and she was presented with a gift of appreciation by Jean Cox.

Pennies for Friendship were taken. Beryl Henderson reported sending out 10 cards.

District Director Mary Cox gave a report of the meeting at Baddow. The District Annual Meeting will be held in Norland on May 29, with a silent auction as well.

The draws were won by Beaulah Hewitt and Mary Cox.

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Minden Lions dig deep to support local causes

Cathy Ollulte/TIMES

Oh, those hardworking Lions

Nobody can say the Minden & District Lions Club doesn't have a bunch of hard workers as members – not only did they make a five-year, $50,000 pledge to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, but they have already come up with $25,000 of it in the first year! This is on top of the $150,000 the club has given to HHHSF in the past. Recently club President Garry Holland (pictured second from right) arrived at the Minden hospital to hand over a cheque for $25,000. It was gratefully received by, from left: HHHSF Fundraising Chairman Jack Woodcroft; HHHSF Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Camelon; HHHS Chairman Jack Brezina; outgoing HHHS CEO Foster Loucks; and HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker.

Thanks!

Alison Mack, centre, is a board member with SIRCH Community Hospice in the Highlands and she was the guest speaker at the Minden & District Lions Club last February. Lions were so impressed by the work SIRCH does that President Gary Holland recently presented the organization with a cheque for $500. Mack was joined by Linda May-Powers, hospice coordinator, in the happy presentation.

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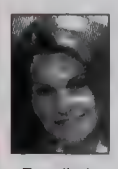
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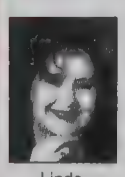
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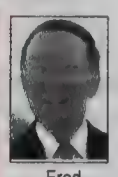
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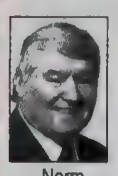
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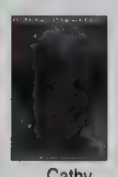
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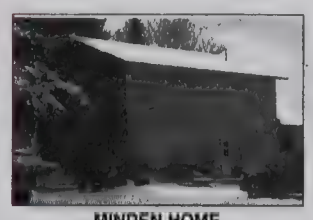

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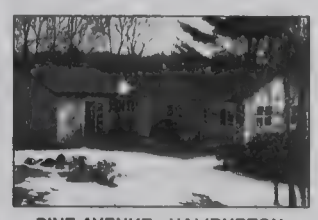

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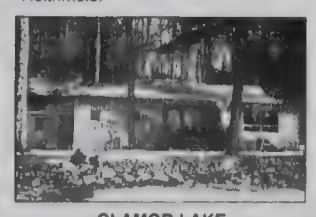

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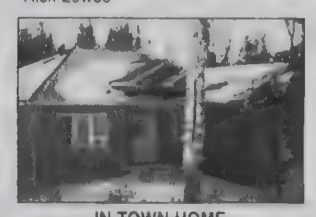

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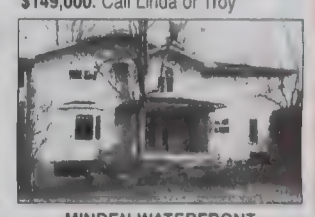

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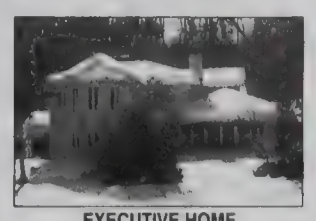

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Pat Bett, her sister Katie, and Katie's husband Eric Christensen are the owner/hosts of the beautiful resort. I spoke with the two sisters over coffee in the lodge's big, comfortable kitchen. They came from Scotland over thirty years ago and I could almost hear the skirl of bagpipes in the soft Scottish accents they still retain. Making a success of their own four-season resort in the north was their dream. It's a long way from the Scottish Highlands to the Highlands of Haliburton, but in December, 2000, the three became the proud owners of Buttermilk Falls Resort. If good humor, friendly spirits, and hard work are what it takes, their dream will indeed come true. Katie says the three of them are definitely 'social animals'. They absolutely love to meet and entertain people from all walks of life and from all parts of the world. Their enthusiasm for the beauty and the many attractions of the Haliburton area is boundless, and I can understand how guests are made so welcome and comfortable they quickly feel right at home.

Pat and Katie told me, "It took us a little while to get familiar with the area, but now we are delighted when we read the local paper and find that we actually know the people in the stories and columns". Eric has already become a board member of the Chamber of Commerce and Pat noted how friendly and helpful local people have been. "We are particularly grateful to Mark Christiano of the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon, who has recommended the services of several people licensed and certified in the various disciplines we required for the spa," she said.

Birthday party

Apparently, it used to be a Stanhope tradition to host a birthday party for all the April birthdays. Last year, Carnarvon resident Kim George and some friends decided to bring back the tradition. They hosted a party at Drifters (now Dorandy's) and 100 people showed up for a fun evening. This year's April birthday bash is April 20 at Dorandy's, starting at 9:30 p.m. and a buffet at 11. Once again, Arden and The Tourists will be performing, live and it should be another entertaining evening. You don't have to have a birthday in April to attend.

Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Flipping pancakes

Algonquin Highlands Councillor Tom Gardner shows how talented he is with a spatula and a bowl of pancake mix at a Pancake breakfast held recently at the Stanhope Community Centre. Money raised from the two-day event went towards new recreational equipment in the municipality.

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Fire and water mixes with porcelain and pottery at Minden art gallery

Spring might finally be arriving – robins are about, as well as great blue herons and juncos – it's wonderful to see these, and other returning "snowbirds."

Diane Graham tells me that the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden is opening for the season on Thursday, April 18 with a wonderful show called Fire and Water. It features the extraordinary raku, pottery and porcelain of Wayne and Sylvia Rose (if you took the Studio Tour last year you might remember their whimsical dragon teapots).

This show features both functional and decorative pieces. Sharing the show is Nancy Woodall of Coboconk, whose charming watercolours were seen at the opening of Minden Hospital – they have a country charm and blend beautifully with the pottery.

Everyone is invited to meet the artists and share refreshments on Saturday, April 20 from 2-4 p.m. This show will run until May 4 – mark your calendars – you won't want to miss this one.

Here's a sure sign that spring has arrived: registration is under way until May 1 at the Kinmount Food Town for the Kinmount Minor Softball program. There is T-ball for ages five, six and seven years and regular softball for the eight to 12 year-olds. The fee is $10 per child. For more information give Tom Lang a call at 488-2211 or drop by the grocery store.

Co-ordinator of the Minden County Town Museum, Secretary of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group and all-round busy person Carol Miles, is looking for some help.

On June 15 the Minden County Town Museum is hosting "Sentimental Journey", a fashion show with a historical twist, at the Minden Community Centre. Carol is looking for donations or loans of ladies wigs and/or the wig stands they sit on. If you can help Carol, please contact her at 286-3588 or 286- 3154.

Scoring Results:

Thursday, April 4 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Elva Paisley won most lone hands for the ladies and Ruth Kellett won most lone hands representing the men. High score winners were Vi Edgson, followed by Theresa Deeks. Gala Stamp was high score winner for the men. Other prize winners were Kathy Whiteside, Laura Carnegie, Pat Bailey, Bess Cox and Annie Baker.

AROUNDTHETOWN

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Friday, April 5 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Muriel McIntosh and Stella McMillan were first with 65%, followed by Mayme Douglas and Hal Beech with 54%.

Saturday, April 6 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Dorothy McElwain took first place with 280, followed by Gladys Wruth with 271. Hidden score winners were Mildred St Thomas, Elva Paisley and Pat Roussel. The moonshot trio were Iris Taylor (2) and Margaret Fletcher.

Monday, April 8 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first place was Jim Foster, followed by Brenda McGuire in second. Draw winners were Esther Lee, Bill Van Dyke, Edith Burch and Kim McCabe.

Monday, April 8 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Lone hand winner was Olive Daniels, with high scores going to Verna Sawyer and Wally Harpur. Low lady and gent were Loretta Lamb and Stan Dutka. Cliff Woolner won the baloney.

Monday, April 8 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: Lone hand winners were Bill Van Dyke for the gents and Verna McDonald for the ladies. Joyce Ritchie won the men's high score and Fern Donnelly won the ladies' high score. Hidden score winner was Mary Goldsmith. Low man/lady were Bill Mosley and Gala Stamp. Draw winners were Jesse Barlow, Ellen Holden and Joyce Ritchie. Lorna Hicks and Bill Mosley were skunked!

Monday, April 8 bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: First place went to Ida Young, with Viv Ballik second. The moonshot winner was Ida Young. Kevin Maloney won the special draw, with Isabel Cherwenka winning the second draw.

Tuesday, April 9 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: The four winners were Edith Burch, Elli Langpohl, Thelma Francis and Ida Young. Esther Lee was the moonshot winner, with hidden score winners Marg Fletcher, Elva Paisley and Kay Schmit.

Tuesday, April 9 Stanhope Seniors Social Club mixed shuffleboard: High score pairs were Betty Lockhart and Laura Carnegie with 387, followed by Syd Lockhart and Beverley Alexander with 382 and Nick Nimigon and Helen Skelding with 299. Low score honours went to Alf Briscoe and Shirley Alderton.

Tuesday, April 9 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Mens high was Percy McBain with Hazel Benetin winning high for the ladies. Ralph Young won mens low, with Isabelle Saunders the winner for the ladies. Lone hands winner was Eleanor Young. George Bartley won average score. Door prize winner was Rita Crofts. Helen Burk reported that there was such a large crowd that they had to set an extra table.

Tuesday, April 9 contract bridge at Stanhope: Tied for first at 6480 were Gloria Moore and Ross Fletcher, next was Reet Murray 6190, followed by Beth Culley 5780.

Wednesday, April 10 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Rita and Glen Lockhart were the winners with 63%, followed by Ev and Fred Vanderland with 54%.

Wednesday, April 10 euchre at Stanhope: Loretta Lamb, Barb Robitaille and Katie Parker each had a moonshot, while David Lamb had two. Loretta Lamb had the highest score for the pinks with 276, followed by Katie Parker with 265 and Jean Scadden with 244. For the whites, Jack Cox had 284, Pat Scadden 254 and Bill Milford 252. The Pot Luck is Wednesday, April 17.

Wednesday, April 10 euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Mary Wilkins won high lady, followed by Nora Swinson. Low lady was Doreen Hill. Roger Fournier was high man, followed by Isa Hilyer. Low score winner for the men was Bill St Thomas. Roger Fournier also won low hand. Special draw winners were Norm Carter and Mary Wilkins.

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Peculiar poetry gets brain juices flowing

SENIORLEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Spring has finally sprung! What a beautiful time of year, with earth's rebirth and the pleasant thoughts of the many sunny days ahead. We are all looking forward to spending times outdoors and reveling in the fresh air and enjoying the beautiful sunshine. That is in the future, but we have gathered together to tell you of the past week so we had better get to it.

Last Thursday the Maple Lake UCW ladies hosted our Tea Party. These groups put a lot of effort into our social teas and we want them to know their efforts do not go unnoticed. Those delicious goodies and their company is sincerely appreciated.

Doreen and Jean continue with their weekly visits, bringing much joy and companionship to many of us here.

Friday morning we gathered for our monthly Diner's Club meeting with our dietician Kimberly. We chose our meal of the month, roast beef, mashed potatoes, broccoli and apple pie for dessert. We can hardly wait to delve into this one.

At Happy Hour we were delightedly entertained by Les Schell, and we thank him for coming out to share his time and talent, bringing smiles to faces and creating an all round delightful afternoon. Isn't it amazing that one person can accomplish so much? Thanks Les.

The weekend brought trivia, poetry, our much enjoyed visit with Rev. Burgess and Chapel Service with Rev. Everall. Anne McAdam graced us at Chapel by playing the organ and enhancing Rev. Everall's words. Music certainly can help rouse the sprit, especially with the well-chosen words that were spoken. We also have Gentle Hands for those unable to attend most of our programs. With soothing music and a gentle massage it is an enjoyable experience.

While at poetry Ruth Fiddler again delighted us with a small verse. She has quite the mind for remembering poetry. This poem is a bit of fun.

It's midnight on the ocean
Not a streetcar was in sight
The organ peeled potatoes
And it rained all day that night!
Figure that out if you dare.

Monday we reminisced with Linda about baking and what our favourite recipes were. We always enjoy reminiscing and sharing our memories with others.

On Tuesday, Pastor Dan Millard led us in our Chapel Service. We thank him for his spiritual and inspirational message. Olive and Weldon kindly led us downstairs with beautiful gospel hymns and music.

Wednesday was Leisure Bath day and Bessie Burke took her turn to be lavished upon. Bessie simply enjoyed every minute of it, what else has been left to say except, me next!

Pub Night the Norland Hillbillies, as always, entertained us beautifully and also provided us with trivia and food for thought. It was a great mixture for a great evening.

Our card shark report from last week was a complete tie at both tables. We expect that is why we didn't hear about it as no one held bragging rights. This week holds a different story, with Margaret Besse and Mary Goldsmith beating out Alice Sedgewick and Blanche Wright, while Roy Nicholls and Corrine Arsenault battled it out at a game of cribbage with Corrine coming out with a victory of two games to one. Roy has called for a rematch next week; we'll keep you posted.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our condolences to the family of Erla Malloy and to Foster Loucks' family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.We also send prayers to Dr. Campioni and send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are glad to have Judy Little well and back with us again. We missed her pleasant smile and cheerful banter.

To all of you - keep well and let us hope this weather holds until next week. Bye for now.

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Volunteers are a vital part of the ASPA team. There are numerous valuable volunteer opportunities available including fundraising, office help and respite services. As well, your volunteer commitment is only subject to your availability! A great opportunity to start your volunteer experience is our 'Tag Day' fundraiser taking place Saturday May 25th in all three counties.

Interested volunteers can call the Alzheimer Society Office in your area, or go online at http://aspaptbo.freeyellow.com/ for more information:

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• **Join the Walking Club,** week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more info. call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
• **Mondays:** C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre Supper at C.H.A.C.E. Minden, 4 - 7 p.m. $4 per family. Call Julie at 286-1770, and ask "What's for Dinner?"
• **Wednesdays:** Job Talk - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Learn to speak up in a job interview, free, make new contacts. Call to register, 457-3412.
• **Wednesdays:** Activity morning at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre, Minden. Themes for the month of April will be birds, nursery rhymes, fitness and mud puddles. We are also open once again from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
• **Thursdays & Fridays:** Ontario Breast Screening Program. For women 50 year and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment, (705) 328-6175.
• **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
• **April 17 & 24:** Folk Art Classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Also, April 17 & 24 Beginner Folk Art Classes from 7 – 9 p.m. with Linda Smith. Call 766-9968 for more info.
• **April 19 & 26:** Yoga Class, with Allie Chisholm-Smith, MES, B.A. Honours, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Call Allie at 789-0367 for more info.
• **April 19 & 26:** Playgroup at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Open to parents/caregivers and their pre-school children. Toys, activities, songs, crafts and parenting info. Call Elise at 766-1382 for more info.
• **April 25:** Seniors' Friendship Luncheon at 12 noon, Dorset Recreation Centre. Call Donna Nairn at 789-0876 for information or to reserve.
• **April 15, 16, 17 & 18:** Loonie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Badminton, Floor Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball, consecutively. 5:30 - Juniors, 6:30 - Adults. $1 or free to members. Call 766-9968 for info.
• **April 16:** Community Policing Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All welcome.
• **April 18:** Join the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists to learn about "Bees and Honey" from Jean and Dave Eyre at 7:30 p.m. at the Glebe Park Museum, 286-1590.
• **April 18:** Highland Ladies On the Go Social (LOGS). Topic: Opportunity to ask questions on how to support people who are crisis survivors. Leadership: Laura Ostler, Victim Services, Ontario Provincial Police. For the April 18 event please telephone 286-4922 for the location and indicating your interest. Please plan on bringing a contribution to the Food Banks. Please plan on bringing a contribution to the Food Banks. Watch for future LOGS events. Locations will vary from social to social. Plan on attending and bring a friend.
• **April 20:** Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours fundraising Auction in partnership with the Minden Legion, 10 a.m., to raise funds for trail development in Haliburton County. If anyone is doing spring cleaning, please consider donating items for our fundraising auction. Items can be picked up or dropped off at our office in the Information Centre across from Minden IGA. Please, no fridges, stoves, freezers or clothing. Please phone Laura Cunliffe at 286-1905 (H) or 286-1760 (W) or by email: info@trailsandtours.on.ca
• **April 22, 23 & 25:** Loonie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Badminton, Floor Hockey, and Volleyball, consecutively. 5:30 - Juniors, 6:30 - Adults. $1 or free to members. Call 766-9968 for info.
• **April 24:** Lupus Support Group meeting, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Cambridge St., United Church Parlour, Lindsay. Guest speakers: Sharline Anderson and Robert Stephens – "Alternative Wellness". Call 705-324-4246 or 454-8933 for info.
• **April 25:** The Central East (Whitby) Mental Health Implementation Task Force Challenge, a reformed mental health system wish to share our process and progress on April 25, 1 – 3 p.m. at Hyland Crest, 6 MacPherson St., Fireplace Room, Minden. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Brett at 1-800-486-4935. Refreshments served.
• **April 25:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton are holding informal support meetings. Bring your concerns, you are not alone. We will bring the refreshments. 1:00 – 2:30 a.m., Hyland Crest Chapel, Minden. For info. call Janet Bottum at 457-8335.
• **April 29:** Hearing Clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Registered hearing instrument specialist provides hearing tests, hearing aid service, batteries, cleaning, counselling and hearing information. Call to reserve a time, 705-286-6001, Minden Hearing Service.
• **April 29:** Loonie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Badminton: 5:30 - Juniors, 6:30 - Adults. $1 or free to members. Call 766-9968 for info.
• **April 30:** Gardening presentation, 7 p.m., Dorset Recreation Centre, by Matthews Nursery. Sponsored by the Dorset Flower Power Group.
• **May 4:** The Annual Dinner/Auction hosted by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development will be held at the Galway Hall, Kinmount. Call 488-2635 or 488-9954 for tickets or further information.
• **May 8:** The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area Haliburton Office Open House, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Haliburton Family Medical Centre, 4 York St., Haliburton. Come and meet the staff and see the office. Call Janet at 457-8335 if you have any questions.
• **May 11 & 12:** Haliburton/Stanhope Airport Pancake Breakfast/Brunch/Lunch. Start off the summer flying season with a trip to one of Ontario's prettiest airports. We are an easy trip from Toronto, North Bay, Kingston, or Ottawa. Pancakes served 9:00 – 1:00.

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380 BIRTHS

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380 BIRTHS

SHANK - Lori Anne and Darryl are thankful for the safe arrival of their daughter Nicolle Jaclyn born April 5th at Lakeridge Health. 8 lbs. 5 oz. A wee sister for Matthew, a beautiful granddaughter for Beulah and Bert Wilkinson, and Gareth and Catherine Kellett. Mother and daughter are doing well.

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440 THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF the later Christina Dollo would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, visitation, floral tributes, donations to the Hospital Building Fund, food and mass cards sent during our recent loss. You will never know how much your hugs, smiles and encouragement meant to all of us. Thank you also to Barry and Kirsten and the staff of the Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their very professional and caring way they looked after us so well. We would also like to thank Father Bill Fellion for his kindness, the ladies of the Altar Society for their lovely luncheon, Toos, Rose and Julie for the beautiful music at the service and Mr. Earl Cooper for his piping of a beautiful hymn. Minden has been very special to our family over the last 57 years and we thank all who share in our loss of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. **Peter Dollo and family.** **CA**

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450 IN MEMORIAM

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IN LOVING MEMORY of Murray Davis, dear father and grandfather who passed away April 14, 1996.
Though tears in our eyes not glisten
And our faces not always sad
There is never a night or morning,
But we think of the father we had.
Not a day do we forget you in our hearts,
You are always here, for we love you and miss you as it ends the 6th year.
Sadly missed and not forgotten, Marilyn, Bill, Chad and Brandon.

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And left the gate ajar.
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460 OBITUARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY of Nell Dawson (Nee Ferguson) who passed away peacefully at the Shelburne Nursing Home, Shelburne, Ontario on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late J. Stanley Dawson (1995). Dear mother of Diane Conklin, Marla Azer, Peter Dawson and Janice Howard. Loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren. Dear sister of Phrona McKee, Pearl Connor and predeceased by Alven Ferguson.
Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Friday. Then to St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake for the Funeral Service at St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs).
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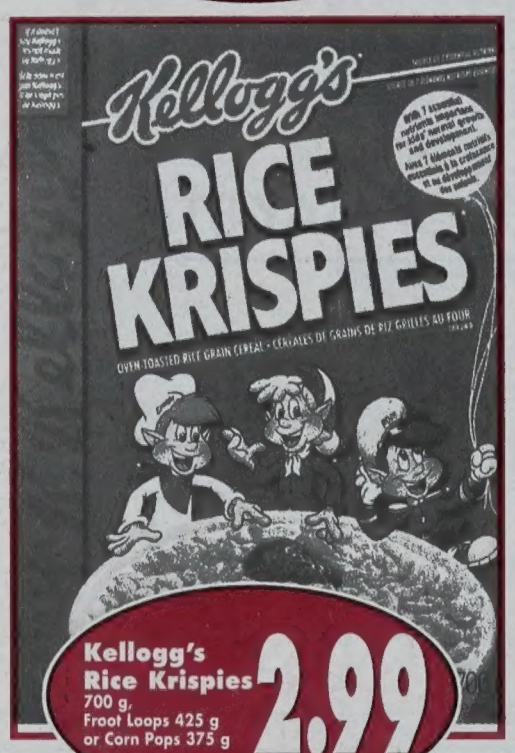

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